

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 5/2/02
Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Charlene A. Chase, Director
Department of Social Services
STAFF CONTACT: Hedy Damery, Coordinator
KIDS Network, c/o DSS (614-1990)
SUBJECT: KIDS Network By-laws, Revised

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the attached Resolution amending the By-laws for the KIDS Network of Santa Barbara County.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7, "A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children".*{Double-click here}*

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The KIDS Network was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1991 to serve as Santa Barbara County's interagency coordinating council for children, youth and family services, and to be the Board's primary community advisory body on children, youth and family issues. The Network's original by-laws were incorporated in Board Resolution 91-421 approved on July 16, 1991 and were last amended on July 25, 1995.

During 2000-2001, the KIDS Network Policy Council and its Advisory Committee carried out an internal review. The goal was to revitalize the Network by making the organization and its operations more reflective of the current collaborative nature of the human service delivery system in Santa Barbara County. A number of operational changes were also made to improve communication and coordination and reduce time spent attending meetings. Those changes that required amendment of the by-laws follow.

The members of the Network are proposing changes to the Policy Council membership to enhance its role in carrying out the Network's mission. The Policy Council's defined membership has been revised to include seats for the following entities:

1. County Department of Child Support,
2. County Children and Families Commission,
3. County Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council,
4. County Office of Early Care and Education,
5. County Interagency Family Services Council,
6. Countywide Family Violence Prevention Coordinating Council,
7. County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council,
8. County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission,
9. County Housing and Redevelopment Agency (or Housing Authority),
10. County 15th District PTA, and
11. County Human Services Commission.

Other changes include deletion of language referring to state waivers, interagency protocols and confidentiality agreements which is not relevant to the KIDS Network operations (as the Network does not provide any direct services to clients). Language has been added to Section 3 (c) (1) to reflect the Network's compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act (the open meeting law). Language has also been added under Section 3 (d) (9) to reflect the role KIDS Network may play as the Board-appointed advisory body for special functions such as the Family Preservation and Support Program and the Child Abuse Prevention Council. Finally, the Advisory Committee has added language to Section 4 defining the terms of its elected officers.

The proposed amendments to the By-laws have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The above changes have been incorporated, along with minor alterations in some wording, in the body of the attached document titled: By-Laws of the KIDS Network of Santa Barbara County.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

After passage and adoption by the Board of Supervisors, please send one (1) certified copy of the Minute Order to the KIDS Network, c/o DSS, Santa Maria-Carmen Lane #208, Attn: Hedy Damery.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

County Administrator

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED) RESOLUTION NO 02-_____
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE)
AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS OF) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THE KIDS NETWORK OF SANTA) OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
BARBARA COUNTY)

WHEREAS, the establishment of the KIDS Network of Santa Barbara County was unanimously approved on July 16, 1991 by the Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 91-421 and its by-laws were last revised by Board of Supervisor's Resolution 95-237 on July 25, 1995, and

WHEREAS, the Resolution included a section setting forth the by-laws or rules for membership, duties and powers of the KIDS Network Policy Council and Advisory Committee, in accordance with SB 997 (Welfare and Institutions Code, Chapter 12.8, Section 18986 et seq.), and

WHEREAS, certain changes in the membership requirements (Exhibit A: Bylaws) of the KIDS Network Policy Council and Advisory Committee are now recommended which will strengthen the KIDS Network's ability to carry out its mission, and

WHEREAS, other changes are needed to make corrections in membership requirements due to organizational changes occurring in Santa Barbara County since the KIDS Network's formation, and

WHEREAS, none of the recommended changes affects the KIDS Network's legal status as a SB 997 body, according to Statute.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of June, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By _____
Gail Marshall
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN
Clerk of the Board

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
County Counsel

By _____

