



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 4/15/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 20 minutes on 4/22/08
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Kathy Gallagher, Department of Social Services, (805) 681-4451
Director(s) Elliot Schulman, Department of Public Health, (805) 681-5105
SUBJECT: **Child Abuse Prevention Council Presentation**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

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Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors

Set a hearing on 4/22/08 to receive and accept the Child Abuse Prevention Council's progress report and presentation.

Summary Text:

One of the essential tasks of Child Abuse Prevention Councils is to increase awareness and education in the community at large regarding the types of activities, programs and supports that promote factors which can reduce the risk of child abuse. Such factors include parental confidence; strong bonds between parents and children; family social connections that decrease isolation; family knowledge of child development; effective problem solving and communication skills; concrete support in times of need and socially and emotionally capable children*

In keeping with this mandate, the **Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council**, under the leadership of the Departments of Social Services (KIDS Network) and Public Health (Human Services Program) is pleased to present this progress report and outcomes to the Board.

The Santa Barbara Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC):

* Adapted from the Children's Bureau Child Abuse Prevention Packet

- **Forges partnerships and coordination among local service providers, public agencies and the community.**
 1. The membership of the CAPC includes representatives from over 30 public and non-profit agencies, as well as members of the community.
 2. Agency Members of the CAPC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to define their roles in and indicate their commitment to the prevention of child abuse.
 3. CAPC members continuously cross-train other members regarding child abuse prevention related services of their agencies.

- **Provides information and training to local service agencies and the community on evidence-based and emerging practices in child abuse prevention.**

Recent examples include:

 1. A day-long workshop on AB 363 on how to interpret and properly use child abuse data
 2. A conference with Dr. Steve Wirtz from the State California Department of Public Health on capacity analysis and strategic planning for public awareness activities for child abuse prevention
 3. Pathways to Prevention— Resources and Planning tools from the Harvard University Pathways Mapping Initiative

- **Provides free outreach materials, public information and child abuse prevention resources to the County of Santa Barbara:**
 1. It Only Takes a Minute—statewide campaign sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse California
 2. Mandated Reporter Training Materials in English and Spanish
 3. Period of Purple Crying—curriculum and materials for parents of infants to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome

- **Sets priorities for child abuse prevention funds and services, and provides feedback to the KIDS Network and the Human Services Commission regarding programs to be recommended to the Board for grants:**
 1. Agencies work together to define goals and desired outcomes for the prevention of child abuse
 2. Funding Priorities regarding child abuse prevention are determined for services to children and families
 3. Children and families receive services with the CTF (Children’s Trust Fund), CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment), CBCAP (Community-based Child Abuse Prevention) & PSSF (Promoting Safe and Stable Families) funds

- **Provides parent support and training:**

1. Stipends and scholarships to trainings and conferences are provided to parents in need
2. Special trainings and conferences are developed and sponsored to increase parent leadership

Background:

Each County is required to operate a child abuse prevention council as mandated by Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 18980 et seq. Local child abuse prevention councils are overseen by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), a Division of the State Department of Social Services. By law, Child Abuse Prevention Councils must be community councils with the primary purpose of coordinating efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse. Child abuse prevention councils are required to periodically update their County Board of Supervisors on their activities.

Santa Barbara County's Child Abuse Prevention Council was re-structured in 2005 to more effectively meet the statutory mandate; revised Bylaws were approved by the Board in August of that year. This is the first presentation to the Board since the restructuring occurred.

The Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council is staffed in-kind through the Human Services Program Director (Public Health Department) and the KIDS Network Coordinator (Department of Social Services). All other child abuse prevention funds (approximately \$500,000 annually) go to community-based, direct services.

Counties are required by law to consult their Child Abuse Prevention Council in the:

- Distribution of Children's Trust Fund, CPCAP, CAPIT and PSSF funds
- Creation of Three-Year Plans for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Child Welfare Services Self Improvement Plans.

The local child abuse prevention council meets ten times per year in mid-County.

OCAP has organized the state into eight regions, and child abuse prevention councils in each region are required to meet regularly and collaborate. Santa Barbara County forms a region with Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, with SLOCAP (San Luis Obispo County's Council) as the lead agency.

Performance Measure:

- Provided 15 special trainings on child abuse prevention-related programs to agency staff.
- Organized 3 major conferences for professionals serving families and children attended by an average of 75 people each.
- Distributed child abuse prevention awareness material to over 5,000 members of the public.
- Set priorities for the distribution of over \$550,000 in child abuse prevention related funds.
- Successfully applied for and received grant funding to assist in developing an operational plan for the County's Differential Response Program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State (CTF)		\$ 20,000.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -

Narrative: The Welfare and Institutions Code mandates that operations of the Child Abuse Prevention Council be paid from the County Children’s Trust Fund. The Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council functions with in-kind staffing provided by the Departments of Social Services and Public Health. \$20,000 from the Children’s Trust fund is allocated for CAPC special projects, parent stipends and outreach materials.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions: Please forward one copy of the minute order to Katharina Zulliger, Department of Social Services and Paula Haines, Department of Social Services

Attachments:

Copy of Statutes and Bylaws

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