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AGENDA
FIRST 5 PLACER CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
North Tahoe Conference Center
8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143 (530) 546-7249
July 9, 2009 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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1) **Introductions and Public Comment:** Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes: Approve the minutes from the June 11, 2009 regular meeting.

3) Mini-Grant request from Child Advocates of Placer County – Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (ACTION)

CASA of Placer County is a non-profit, training volunteers to work with children in the Juvenile Dependency system with the goal of finding them safe, permanent homes as soon as possible. CASA receives referrals directly from the Court. When a volunteer is available, he or she reviews the case information and consults with the professionals involved with the child. Prior to a court hearing, the volunteer prepares a court report with his/her evaluations and recommendations for the child. The Juvenile Court Judge reads and considers the CASA report along with the social worker's report prior to making a decision. Each volunteer receives 30 hours of training in relevant skills. CASA volunteers provide information not usually available to the Court. Judges are often compelled to make decisions based on less than complete or objective data. A CASA's recommendation to support the best interest of the child is an aid to a judge. In 2008, Child Advocates provided CASA volunteers for 159 children, 12 of whom were younger than age six. It costs $2,000 to train a volunteer. Child Advocates is asking for $5,000 toward helping train CASA volunteers who will serve the 0-5 population. .

The Community Resource Committee reviewed the application, interviewed the applicant and requested follow-up information, which was provided. The committee recommends funding in the amount of $5,000.

Action Requested:
Approve $5,000 in funding to Child Advocates of Placer County for CASA volunteers serving the prenatal through age five population.

4) Prelude to Strategic Planning: Review of Needs and Assets (DISCUSSION)
Cathy Ferron will present the Needs and Assets report she developed under the direction of the Evaluation Committee. This will be the basis for the Commission's discussion at the August 13, mini-retreat on Strategic Planning.

5) Executive Director's Report (DISCUSSION)

a) Financial Report
b) Update on State & First 5 Placer news and activities
   i) County Funding for State Programs

6) **Commissioner Reports (DISCUSSION)**

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