

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: March 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Designation of Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council and Local Planning Body for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution designating the County's Systems Management, Advocacy and Resource Team (SMART) Policy Board to function both as the County-authorized Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, and the local planning body for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1986, the Children's System of Care (CSOC) has functioned as an integrated and collaborative model of child-serving agencies. The Placer Model is widely recognized as the most effective and efficient method of delivering what would otherwise be fragmented and disjointed services to at-risk families.

The California Department of Social Services provides a number of funding allocations to CSOC to deliver specialized child abuse prevention and diversion services. Associated with two of these allocations, the State requires that each county identify a designated body to provide oversight and accountability for these programs. A local planning body for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program and a Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council are the two locally required councils.

The SMART Policy Board is comprised of four members; the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, the Chief Probation Officer, the Superintendent of County Education, and the Director of Health and Human Services. This group meets twice a month to coordinate and oversee a host of shared duties and responsibilities and is uniquely positioned to provide the requisite direction to CSOC for these two prevention functions. CSOC seeks Board of Supervisors approval to identify the SMART Policy Board as the locally identified and authorized council for these two processes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No County General Funds are required for these designations.

Attachments

Resolution

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Designation of the County's Interagency SMART Policy Board as both the County-authorized Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, and the Local Planning Body for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

Resolution No: _____

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, since 1986, the Placer County Children's System of Care (CSOC) has functioned as an integrated and collaborative model of child-serving agencies, and the Placer Model is widely recognized as the most effective and efficient method of delivering services to at-risk families; and

WHEREAS Welfare & Institutions Code Section 16602 requires that each county participating in the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program establish a local planning body to be overseen by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS Welfare & Institutions Code Section 18965 allows counties to designate an existing local voluntary commission, board, or council as the local child abuse prevention coordinating council to establish criteria and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relating to the distribution of funds within the Children's Trust Fund (as already established as required by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 18966) for child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs; and

WHEREAS under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 18986.10, the Systems Management, Advocacy, and Resource Team (SMART) Policy Board was established, comprised of four members including the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, the Chief Probation Officer, the Superintendent of County Education, and the Director of Health and Human Services, which meets twice a month to coordinate and oversee a host of shared duties and responsibilities and is uniquely positioned to provide the requisite direction to CSOC for these related prevention functions, assuring that services and associated funding are in alignment with System of Care practice and philosophy and that the Department's efforts to support Placer County children and families are well administered; and

WHEREAS Placer County has concluded that the SMART Policy Board can effectively serve all three of these functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors approves designation of the Systems Management, Advocacy, and Resource Team (SMART) Policy Board to function as the County-authorized Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, and the local planning body for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program.

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