

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Don Ferretti, Director, First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission

DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Request to re-appoint incumbent Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin to the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission

ACTION REQUESTED:

The First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin to the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission for a three-year term.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors appoints members to the First 5 Commission upon recommendation of the Commission.

Commissioner Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin's original term on the commission ends on December 31, 2006. Under the revised Commission Bylaws, however, any incumbent whose seat expires before January 1, 2009 shall be eligible to sit for an additional three-year term of office.

Reappointment of the incumbent Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin will ensure stability and consistency as the Commission moves into the third year of implementing its Strategic Plan.

The First 5 Commission is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating a strategic plan for the use of Proposition 10 funds in Placer County. The funds are used to support results-oriented early childhood development and family support services for children, birth to five years of age. The first five years of a child's life is the focus of Proposition 10 funds because research in brain development clearly indicates that the emotional, physical, and intellectual environment that a child is exposed to in the early years of life has a profound impact on how the brain is organized. Also, the experiences a child has with respect to parents and caregivers significantly influences how a child will function in school and later in life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

