# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SU PERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, January 26, 2015

## 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair Supervisor Richard Valle Location: <u>Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Floor</u> County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

# **Summary/Action Minutes**

## I. Waiver Update

Attachment

Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Children and Family Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Title IV E Waiver update.

The Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project (Waiver) was renewed October 1, 2014 and there are now nine (9) counties participating. There are program requirements for participation: Safety Organized Practice for Child Welfare and Wrap Around for Probation. The Demonstration project is now being named the California Well Being Project.

New Waiver Objectives

- Improve the array of services and supports available to children, youth and families involved in the child welfare and juvenile probation systems;
- Engage families through a more individualized casework approach, that emphasizes family involvement;
- Increase child safety without an over-reliance on out-of-home care;
- Improve permanency outcomes and timelines;
- Improve child and family well-being; and
- Decrease recidivism and delinquency for youth on probation.

New Waiver interventions include, Safety Organized Practice, designed to help key stakeholders focus on child safety in all points of the case process, in addition to evidence-based parenting programs. These interventions all contain expected outcomes.

Commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) are a high-risk population needing additional services. By better identifying these youth and providing targeted services, the Department of Children and Family Services hopes to increase child safety, improve permanency outcomes, and decrease recidivism and delinquency for this population.

## **Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

**Recommendation:** The Social Services Committee requested the Probation Department make a presentation to the Committee on their wraparound services for the Title IVE Waiver and the Social Services Agency will report back to the Committee on the new waiver objective outcomes.

#### II. Adult Protective Services/Adult Services Overview Attachment

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult, Aging Services & Medi-Cal Services and Alicia Morales, Director, Adult Protection Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County's Adult Protective Services Program.

Currently there is no federal mandate or funding allocation for seniors. There is California Legislation and regulations governing the County's Adult Protective Services program. The Adult Protective Services (APS) investigate reports of abuse and neglect for dependent adults and seniors, including self-neglect.

APS receives approximately four hundred (400) calls per month of reported abuse. The Adult Protective Services Program in Alameda County staffs seventeen (17) Social Workers, three (3) Public Health Nurses (pilot). There are plans to hire seven (7) additional employees.

There is a federal discussion around the Federal Elder Justice Act, to get funding for a Federal Adult Protection System.

The Adult Protective Services requests the Social Services Committee support for a proposed media campaign to purchase materials and plan community activities to raise awareness of the services and programs in Adult Protective Services. The proposal is still in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming.

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Other:

**Recommendation:** The Social Services Committee requested the proposed media campaign be presented to the Social Services Committee before moving to the full Board of Supervisors. The Social Services Agency will move ahead with the request for funding for the media campaign to the Board of Supervisors.

## III. In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Update

#### Attachment

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult, Aging Services & Medi-Cal Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County's In-Home Support Services Program.

Two major changes have affected the IHSS program: 1) Alameda County is no longer participating in the Coordinated Care Initiative Pilot Program and the Federal Overtime Regulations have changed, which affect IHSS workers.

## **IHSS MOE budget:**

The IHSS maintenance of effort budget remains in place and the staffing increases and program compliance has improved response to clients.

The Public Authority has submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a clerical restructure which will make improvements in IHSS.

The State is proposing a seven percent (7%) restoration of cuts to the IHSS program contingent on a proposed passage of a managed care tax.

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- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

## IV. CalWORKs/Workforce Update

Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Workforce and Benefits Administration, presented an update on the CalWORKs Workforce Update.

The Agency updated the Committee on CalWORKs employment data and implementation of the General Assistance Strategic Plan.

CalWORKs Welfare-To-Work participation data showed an increase in participation since the Agency's last report in October 2014. In addition there was a slight decrease in new monthly jobs added, at 2212 jobs.

Lau Family Development Center in the Eastmont Town Center operates a Career and Employment Center (CEC) and Rubicon Services operates a CEC in South County.

The Social Services Agency will submit a Board letter to request the Board of Supervisors authorize implementation of the Resident Stabilization Program. The Agency will also submit a letter to the Board to authorize hiring a project manager to implement changes to the General Assistance Program.

Lau Family Development Center representatives Kathy Chao Rothberg and Diana Lyons presented a PowerPoint presentation on their activities as a Career and Employment Center.

#### **Purpose:**

Report progress
Advocacy or Education
Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
Other:

**Recommendation:** The Social Services Committee requested the Lau Family Development Center return to the Committee with specific outcomes for the services offered at the Career and Employment Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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