

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 24, 2018  
12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Floor  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Title IV-E Waiver Update

[Attachment](#)

Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Children & Family Services, and Gayle Hermann, Finance Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Title IV-E Waiver.

Title IV-E Waiver began in July 2007, with a five-year agreement between the Federal, State, and County governments. The waiver captures the Federal/State money that would otherwise be lost to the system due to declining caseloads and redirects this money to improve services for:

- Families at risk of entering the child welfare system;
- Children and families in the process of reuniting;
- Reduce the needs to place children in care
- Youth emancipating from the system.
- Initial waiver was continued for two “bridge” years while a new agreement was negotiated with the Federal government.

An extension of the original waiver began October 1, 2014.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) received approval from the Federal Department of Health & Human Services to extend the Waiver, beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019. CDSS has named the new waiver the California Well Being Project.

#### Preparing for Post Waiver Environment

Authority for the Waiver expires on September 30, 2019. There have been regular forecast meetings with the Agency Director and Finance Director. The Waiver Executive Team will be meeting monthly to discuss which programs to discontinue. A letter will be sent to all pilot programs in the waiver, about its expiration and plan to ramp down programs. The Agency is currently reviewing the possibility of some funding for programs through the Families First Prevention Services Act.

The County entered the waiver with over 3800 youth, under 18, in foster care and currently there are 1120, 60% of whom are federally eligible. CDSS will be conducting a state-wide evaluation of Safety Organized Practice and Wraparound Services to determine the efficacy of the practice, Alameda County will also be participating in a cost of services sub study. The Agency is continuing to evaluate programs impact on Children and Family Services reaching Federal Outcome Measures.

#### Purpose:

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

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## II. Child Welfare – WITHDRAWN

## III. Continuum of Care Reform Update

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Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Children & Family Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Continuum of Care Reform update.

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) was mandated by AB 403 (2015), which is a comprehensive framework that supports children, youth, and families across placement settings in achieving permanency, includes increased engagement with children, youth, and families, increased capacity for home-based family care, limited use of congregate care and systemic and infrastructure changes.

### Components of CCR

- Increased recruitment of related and non-related caregivers.
- Resource Family Approval Process
  - Will insure all caregivers are adequately trained
  - Potential of permanency is part of approval
- Limited use of congregate care
- Conversion of group homes to Short Term Therapeutic Residential Programs
- New rate structure for all placements
  - Foster Homes
  - Foster Family Agencies
  - Short Term Residential Treatment Programs
  - Child and Family Team Meetings for case planning purposes

The Agency has received an allocation from CDSS to assist with recruitment and retention of foster parents, a media campaign to assist with the recruitment of caregivers and increased use of advocate to troubleshoot issues current caregivers may be experiencing.

### Short Term Therapeutic Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP)

Group homes will become Short Term Therapeutic Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP) and shall have:

- Access to specialty mental health services
- Transitional support for placement changes, permanency, and after care
- Activities to support youth achieving a successful adulthood
- Educational, physical, behavioral, and mental health supports
- Services to achieve permanency and maintain/establish family connections
- Active efforts for ICWA eligible children
- National Accreditation required
- Satisfaction Surveys required

Group Homes with a current license have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to submit their programs to CDSS for conversion to Short Term Residential Treatment Facilities. Children and Family Services has written support letters for thirteen group homes, eight of which were in Alameda County.

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Other:

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None.

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