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Department: Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required
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Contact: Karen Fies	Phone: 565-8501	Board Date: June 9, 2009	Deadline for Board Action: June 9, 2009
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AGENDA SHORT TITLE:
Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council

REQUESTED BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors is requested to:

- A. Approve the Child Care Funding Priorities by Zip Code, as identified by the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council.
- B. Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign the Department of Education’s Local Priorities Report forms on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.
- C. Approve a resolution appointing one new member to the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council. This appointment will fill required membership.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			<u>ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u>
Estimated Cost	\$	000.00	Contingencies
			\$ 000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$	000.00	(Fund Name:)
			\$ 000.00
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Unanticipated Revenue
			\$ 000.00
			(Source:)
			\$ 000.00
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Other Transfer(s)
			\$ 0.00
			(Source:)
			\$ 0.00
			Total Source of Funds: \$ 0.00

Explanation (if required):
The Child Care Planning Council is funded through the Sonoma County Office of Education through a contract with the State Department of Education. There is no cost to the County.

Prior Board Action(s):
 July 25, 2006 – June 10, 2008: Approved the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council’s Funding Priorities by Zip Code.
 September 21, 1999: - April 22, 2009: Appointed/reappointed members of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council and approved by-laws which established term of membership.
 September 29, 1998: Designated the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as the local child care planning council required under AB 1542 (CalWORKs).
 October 20, 1992: Established the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as a standing committee representing the Board of Supervisors by resolution No. 92-1583.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:
 The Board of Supervisors could require recruitment of different members. Non-approval or delay of appointment could result in the inability of the Child Care Planning Council to meet deadlines for required activities under the California Education Code.
 The Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent of Schools could establish a different set of priorities based on the underserved areas of the county. Non-approval would result in the California Department of Education awarding contracts to subsidize child care without consideration of locally identified

Background:

The Board of Supervisors originally established the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council on October 20, 1992, to meet the requirements mandated by the passage of AB 2141, which created local child care and development planning councils to identify local priorities for child care and state preschool expansion funds, among other tasks.

Due to the passage of AB 1542 in 1997, which established the CalWORKs program, the Board was required to designate a local child care planning council to establish priorities for state-funded child care and development services and develop a comprehensive countywide plan for child care. On September 29, 1998, the Board of Supervisors designated the existing Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as the local council required under the legislation.

The Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council advocates, advises and plans for quality, accessible and affordable child care and development services in Sonoma County.

Membership

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve a resolution appointing one new member to the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council.

The Council is charged with the duty to recommend members that met the legislated membership requirements. On September 21, 1999, a Board of Supervisors resolution delineated the length of term of membership.

Under the law, the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools are to jointly appoint members to the local child care planning council in 5 categories of membership: 1) Consumers, 2) Child Care Providers, 3) Public Agency representatives, 4) Community Representatives, and 5) Discretionary appointees of the Board and the Superintendent

The recommended appointment to a Child Care Consumer seat has been made to and approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Zip Code Priorities

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve Child Care Funding Priorities by Zip Code as recommended by the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council, and authorize the Director of Human Services, or her designee, to sign the Local Priorities Report Form for both Preschool and General Child Care and Development Programs.

The California Education Code, Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 2.3, establishes the requirement for the formation and duties of local child care planning councils. Under this chapter, the local child care planning council is required to submit the results of its Needs Assessment and local Funding Priorities for child care to the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools for approval, before submitting them to the California Department of Education.

In March 2000, the Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools approved the Child Care Planning Council's initial *Child Care Funding Priorities by Zip Code* report to the California Department of Education. Since that initial report, data on funding priorities has been collected annually, as required. Approval by the Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools is required only when there is change in funding priorities.

Background:

The Department of Education requires local child care planning councils to identify local priorities for new child care funding by Zip Code areas. Local funding priorities are determined using a Department of Education formula that pulls data from various sources. This year’s data was obtained from three sources: a special census run, enrollment data from California Department of Education, Child Development Division and from other state- and federally-funded child care programs.

Data on numbers of eligible children in each zip code area are compared to numbers of children currently being served by state-funded child care. Based on comparative percentages and numbers of un-served children, zip code areas are then designated as a Priority 1 (top priority zip code area for new child care funding) or Priority 2 (second priority area for additional funds); all remaining zip code areas were designated as Priority 3 for additional funding.

These local funding priorities will be used by the Department of Education to prioritize funding requests for local child care services when additional funds are available. Funds are used for state pre-school and subsidized center-based or Family Child Care Home Educational Network child care for low income families.

This year’s priorities were the subject of a public hearing to allow for public comment, held on May 1, 2009. No objections to these new funding priorities were raised during the public hearing.

The attached report contains the new priorities by zip code. These new priorities have been reviewed and approved by the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools.

Recommendation:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve the 2009-2010 Sonoma County Zip Code Priorities for California Department of Education, Child Development Division funding.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve a resolution appointing one new member to the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council. This appointment will fill required membership.

Attachments:

- A. Local Planning Council (LPC) County Priorities Report Forms
- B. Membership Resolution

On File With Clerk: N/A

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:
