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DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Family and Human Services Committee
Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema, District III, Chair
Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V, Vice Chair

Contra Costa County Office of Education
Dr. Joseph A. Ovick, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent

FROM: Ruth Fernández, LPC Coordinator/Manager, Educational Services

SUBJECT: Local Child Care and Development Planning Council Activities Update ï Referral # 81

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT the funding priorities for Contra Costa County reviewed and approved by Local Planning Council members at the LPC board meeting held on March 26, 2009 from 6:00 ï 8:00 p.m. The below priorities were reviewed and discussed at a public hearing held on March 26, 2009 at the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

Per the California Department of Education methodology, Contra Costa is one of the counties under option 2 which is for counties with over 1 million residents.

California Center Priorities (Contract type: CCTR)
Priority 1: Option 1
94509, 94518, 94520, 94553, 94565, 94801, 94803, 94804, 94806
Priority 2: Option 1
94805, 94596, 94572, 94561, 94523, 94521, 94519, 94513
Priority 3: Option 1
94526, 94530, 94547, 94564, 94583, 94595

California Preschool Priorities (Contract type: CPRE)
Priority 1: Option 1
94509, 94518, 94520, 94521, 94565, 94801, 94804, 94806
Priority 2: Option 1
94553, 94530, 94523, 94513, 94596
Priority 3: Option 1
94519, 94547, 94556, 94572, 94583, 94805

See attached spreadsheet with specific data organized by zip code.

BACKGROUND/REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

California *Education Code (EC)* Section 8499.5 (a) through (d) requires the LPCs to review local, State and Federal data and provide the CDE with an updated listing of their local child care and development funding priorities by May 30 every year. In 1998, Assembly Bill 1857 amended *EC* Section 8279.3 to include specific expanded mandates for LPCs to identify local funding priorities for the distribution of new state general child care and development and preschool funding to promote equal access to child development services across the state, based on direct impact indicators of need.

The *EC* language specifies how LPCs are to conduct their yearly review of child development services in order to identify gaps in services and funding priorities which will ensure that all the child care and preschool services of the county are met to the greatest extent possible given limited resources. **The LPC priorities will be used by the CDE to determine future child care and development funding decisions for State subsidized services.**

Additional Information:

Local Planning Councils develop priorities for funding using the following:

> Census zip code data as a baseline to estimate the number of children eligible for State funded child development services (including Head Start and Early Head Start). Other pertinent local data, such as county growth factors, planning department data, or school district growth data, is then applied to achieve the most accurate estimate.
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> CDE and other available zip code level data to determine the number and percent of eligible children served or not served by State funded child development services, Head Start or Early Head Start.

The data is then analyzed using the Priority 1, 2, and 3 number and percentage thresholds and methodology to assign county zip codes to Priority 1, 2, or 3 designations.

These priorities are first reviewed and approved by the members of the LPC for each county, which is made up of parent consumers of child care, child care and preschool providers, public agency representatives and community agency representatives who have been appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. Next, the priorities are made available for public review and finally reviewed and approved by the County Office of Education and County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing as prescribed in State regulations.

Process for Establishing LPC Priorities:

All county LPCs must use the methodology for establishing LPC priorities based on the population of the county. *See attached Management Bulleting from the California Department of Education.

The Contra Costa County Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development (LPC) was established in April 1998. Required by AB 1542, which was passed in 1993, thirty members of the LPC were appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. Childcare consumers and providers, public agency representatives, and community representatives each comprise 20% of the LPC. The remaining 20% are discretionary appointees. Membership is for a three-

year term. On January 7, 2003, membership was decreased from 30 to 25 members, due to the difficulty being experienced in filling all of the seats. Membership consists of the following:

- Five consumer representatives - a parent or person who receives or has received child care services in the past 36 months;
- Five child care providers - a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services;
- Five public agency representatives - a person who represents a city, county, city and county, or local education agency;
- Five community representatives - a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community based organizations;
- Five discretionary appointees - a person appointed from any of the above four categories or outside of those categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies.

Appointments to the Contra Costa County Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development (LPC) are subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Ovick. The Board of Supervisors designated the Family and Human Services Committee to review and recommend appointments on their behalf. Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, has been designated to review and recommend appointments on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools.