

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent _____ Routine x

AGENDA DATE July 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES dit NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE INTERAGENCY CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE PROJECT

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR INTERAGENCY SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN FOR FISCALYEAR 2001/2002

FISCAL
IMPACT:

Revenue in the amount of \$1,183,459 from the federally funded Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant is included in the organization's proposed budget for fiscal year 2001/2002. No additional funds are requested.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-501

On motion of Supervisor Caruso , Seconded by Supervisor Blom

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

File No.

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DISCUSSION: This is the ninth year of the Children's System of Care grant pursuant to Assembly Bill 3015. The Children's System of Care concept was developed as a model of integrated, interagency service delivery for seriously emotionally disturbed children at risk for out-of-home placement and their families. The Stanislaus County Children's System of Care has grown to encompass six subsystems, each with a specialized focus on providing services to families with a child identified as seriously emotionally disturbed. The subsystems reflect our partner agencies and include child welfare, special education, juvenile justice, school based services, intensive outpatient services and services to families with very young children, ages 0 to 5. Services are partnered with these agencies and in most cases, co-located.

The System of Care significantly improves access to services for families in locations throughout the county and enhances the development of community-based intensive behavioral health services to these families as an alternative to out-of-home placement. Services include day treatment, intensive outpatient, home-based services, one-on-one behavioral aides, groups for families with substance abuse issues, respite for families, vocational and recreational activities, as well as traditional behavioral health services.

Children's System of Care staff are out stationed at Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Hall, Community Services Agency and in schools throughout the county. Interagency teams work collaboratively with partner agencies to identify and treat emotionally disturbed children and youth and to provide a wide range of services to the family. Over 80% of the services provided are in the community rather than in a traditional clinic setting.

The Children's System of Care operates with a core set of values including family involvement; strength based services, culturally appropriate services in the language preference of the family, parent partnerships, evaluation of performance and the reinvestment of savings into additional services. Currently, 685 severely emotionally disturbed youth and their families have been served.

Performance outcome evaluation is a critical aspect of the Children's System of Care. Stanislaus County continues to be successful in achieving program goals including:

- Stanislaus County continues to have significantly lower costs for out-of-home placement than State rates. The State currently expends \$7.80 per child, per capita, and Stanislaus County expends at \$4.00, per child, per capita.

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- Ninety-four percent (94%) of the families receiving services and completing a client satisfaction survey were positive in their evaluation.
- One hundred percent (100%) of children receiving special education day treatment services showed improvement in their academic growth, 61% made six months or more growth.
- Ninety-two percent (92%) of children attending day treatment programs attended school at least 80% of the scheduled days.
- Ninety-one percent (91%) of the adolescents provided services in the juvenile justice/mental health system did not re-offend during treatment. Ninety-six percent (96%) had not re-offended six months after treatment.
- The Parent Professional Partnership has provided 4,708 hours of services year-to-date to 112 families. The Kinship Parent Partners have provided 2,601 hours of service to 46 families.

The Mental Health Board has reviewed the grant reapplication and supports the continuation of services using SAMHSA grant funds.

POLICY
ISSUE:

Board of Supervisor approval is required to authorize the Director to accept the funding. Providing service through an integrated interagency delivery system for seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth supports the Board of Supervisor priority for a safe and healthy community.

STAFFING
IMPACT:

Grant funds offset existing staff costs that the organization would be unable to support without the grant.