

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-15

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 24, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign a Letter of Support for Hutton House, Center for Human Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign and submit a letter of support for continued Federal funding, for the Hutton House program of Center for Human Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with providing a letter of support for the Hutton House program.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-316

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

Stanislaus County has received a request from the Center for Human Services, for a letter of support for the Hutton House temporary shelter and counseling program. The Center for Human Services is a private non-profit community-based agency and the Hutton House is a comprehensive community-based program for runaway and homeless youth. The Community Services Agency and the Probation Department have contracted with and provided funding to the Hutton House over the past 35 years, and it is expected that this partnership will continue in the future.

If approved, the Center of Human Services will use this letter of support as part of their current application to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, for Basic Center Program funding to provide shelter services and counseling. The Hutton House has been in operation since 1976 and has relied on this Federal funding stream to support its operations for the past 29 years.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this recommendation supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and Effective Partnerships by assisting a community partner to maintain its provision of shelter and crisis counseling for homeless and runaway youth and their families.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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May 24, 2011

Ms. Cynthia Duenas, MFT
Executive Director, Center for Human Services
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Dear Ms. Duenas,

Stanislaus County is proud to be a long-standing partner with the Center for Human Services. The relationship between the County and your non-profit community based agency has existed for 35 years, through our combined efforts to serve runaway and homeless youth and their families. Specifically, both the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency and the Probation Department have provided funding to the Center for Human Services, for the Hutton House temporary shelter program, in support of your agency's critical services to our community.

The Center for Human Services has consistently worked with the County to provide shelter and crisis counseling services to runaway, homeless, pushout, throw out youth and youth in crisis. Hutton House also works with the Community Services Agency to provide Differential Response services to youth and families County-wide who are experiencing parent-teen conflict. Youth that are wards and dependents of the court are often found in the shelter due to crisis situations in their lives. These services are critical to our community as it is the only shelter in Stanislaus and surrounding counties. It is the only local program that focuses on runaway and homeless youth, and the only program that can provide 24-hour a day crisis services to teens and their families.

If the Hutton House program were to end, over 2,000 youth as represented in runaway reports that were filed in this County last year would no longer have access to free, 24-hour a day services. Its loss would also impact the additional 500 family members and 500 youth that participate in day services by eliminating their ability to receive help in times of crisis.

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors supports the Hutton House program as deserving of U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Basic Center Program funding to provide shelter services and counseling. The County looks forward to continuing the long and rewarding partnership with the Center for Human Services through the Hutton House program.

Sincerely,

Dick Monteith
Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors