



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Human Services Agency



**Date:** April 22, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** May 21, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD., Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** System Improvement Plan and Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of the System Improvement Plan for the period 2013 to 2018, designation of Children's Collaborative Action Team as the County's Child Abuse Prevention Council and Children's Trust Fund Commission for funding recommendations, designation of the Children's Collaborative Action Team Steering Committee as the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Collaborative for 2013-2016, and execution of the Human Services Agency submission of the Notice of Intent form to the California Department of Social Services to administer the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and Promoting Safe and Stable Families funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

In January 2004, the implementation of California State Assembly Bill 636 heralded a new Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability System for California, known as the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR). The System Improvement Plan (SIP) is one component of the C-CFSR. The other elements include the Peer Review (PR), and the County Self-Assessment (CSA), which was completed and approved by the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) on November 20, 2012.

Starting in 2010, the County's Office of Child Abuse and Prevention (OCAP) 3-year plan was incorporated into the SIP. The OCAP Plan includes funding through the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF).

In February 2013, CCAT and the Human Services Agency released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CAPIT, CBCAP, and PSSF funds for FY2013 to 2016. Recommendations for the distribution of funds will be submitted to the BOS in the form of Agreements.

In addition to approving the SIP, the County is responsible for designating an entity to serve as the Children's Trust Fund Commission (CTFC) and Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), as well as the PSSF Collaborative. The Children's Collaborative Action Team (CCAT) was designated to oversee the CAPC and PSSF Collaborative for FY2010-2013.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Through this memo HSA is submitting the SIP for the period March 2013 to 2018. Additionally, HSA is requesting that the BOS designate CCAT as the CAPC, CTFC and the CCAT Steering as the PSSF Collaborative to oversee the CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF Program Funding Assurances for the period 02/06/2013 to 03/05/2016.

The SIP is a collaborative effort between the Human Services Agency (HSA) and Juvenile Probation, and serves as the operational agreement between the County and State on how we will work toward addressing specific, measurable improvements to be achieved within a designated timeframe in the following priority areas:

- *Safety* - Timely Family Reunification
- *Permanence* - Placement Stability

### **Summary of Performance Outcomes**

#### **Reunification Within 12 months (Entry Cohort)**

Of all children entering foster care for the first time in the 6-month period who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of latest removal from home?

**National Standard: 48.4%**

<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>Quarter 4 2011</b>	<b>Year 1 Goal</b>	<b>Year 2 Goal</b>	<b>Year 3 Goal</b>	<b>Year 4 Goal</b>	<b>Year 5 Goal</b>
	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>39.3%</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>46.4%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Juvenile Probation</b>	<b>Quarter 4 2011</b>	<b>Year 1 -2 Goal</b>	<b>Year 3-5 Goal</b>			
	<b>20%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>60%</b>			

**Placement Stability (8 Days to 12 Months)**

Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?

**National Standard: 86%**

<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal</b>
	<b>81.4%</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>87.8%</b>	<b>90.1%</b>

The Required Core Representatives list is part of the SIP that includes names of the staff, consumers, and partners who participated in the CSA and SIP's development during this specific 2012-2013 cycle. The representatives may change or be added as we move forward based on position and/or Agency changes.

It is in the County's best interest to approve this Resolution to allow HSA to maintain compliance with the CDSS guidelines for adhering to the C-CFSR. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact; however these items are mandated by the State in order to receive funding from various state and federal sources for the terms of the plan