



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: April 3, 2014
Board Meeting Date: April 22, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Dave Pine
Anne Campbell, County Superintendent of Schools

Subject: 2014-2015 County Subsidy Priorities for State Preschool Services and Infant Toddler Child Care and Development Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Public hearing to consider Resolutions approving the County Subsidy Priorities presented by the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council for the distribution of future California Department of Education funding for State Preschool Services and infant toddler Child Care and Development Services.

BACKGROUND:

Local Child Care Planning Councils were established by the State legislature in 1991 in every county in California. In San Mateo County, the Child Care Partnership Council (CCPC) is that council. It is a publicly funded and appointed body, mandated to:

- identify priorities for the local distribution of State funding for early care and education services for low income children and families,
- conduct an early care and education needs assessment,
- create a county-wide child care strategic plan every five years,
- develop policies, strategies and resources to promote the goals of the child care strategic plan, and
- advise San Mateo County on the potential local impact of State and national policies and legislation.

In addition to these State-mandated activities, the Council is responsible for developing and managing the San Mateo County Child Care Subsidy Pilot (AB 1326 & AB 260), which permits a degree of local control in the state- subsidized early learning and child care delivery system.

The Council is co-chaired by Supervisor Dave Pine and County Superintendent of Schools, Anne Campbell. Twenty additional members are appointed, with equal representation from parent consumers of child care, early care and education providers, public agencies, and community agency representatives.

DISCUSSION:

In 1998, AB 1857 (Escutia) amended the Education Code, Section 8499.5, to include specific expanded mandates for Local Child Care Planning Councils (LPCs). One of these was an expansion of the existing LPC mandate to identify local priorities for the distribution of new state child care and development and preschool funding. The Education Code language specifies how LPCs are to conduct their work in order to identify priorities to ensure that all the child care and preschool needs of the county are met to the greatest extent possible. The priorities are to be submitted annually to the California Department of Education and used by the Department to determine funding decisions.

LPCs develop priorities for funding using:

- Census zip code data and American Community Survey data as a baseline to estimate the number of children eligible for State funded services (and 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.
- California Department of Education (CDE) and other available zip code level data to determine the number and percent of eligible children served/not served by State funded services or Head Start.
- California Academic Performance Index, Star Test (CST) or other School Performance Data or Child Outcome Data

The data is then analyzed to assign a Priority 1, 2, and 3 designation to the zip codes of highest need using both a number and a percentage threshold for our county size (over 200,000 but less than 1 million residents).

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. The priorities are next made available for public review and finally reviewed and approved by the County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing as prescribed in State regulations. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors last approved subsidy priorities for Child Care and Development and State Preschool funding in 2009.

In January 2014, CDE reviewed and approved revised procedures for Local Child Care Planning Councils to use to determine county subsidy zip code priorities for FY 2014-15. The CCPC conducted a needs assessment according to the new procedures. At its

March 25, 2014 meeting, the Council reviewed the data and adopted new subsidy zip code priorities to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for approval. In order for the new priorities to be in place in time for FY 2014-15 funding decisions, they must be submitted to the State by May 30, 2014.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community by establishing the County Subsidy Priorities presented by the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council for distribution of future CDE funding for state preschool services and infant toddler child care and development services.