



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 18-171

Board Meeting Date: 2/27/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Children and Family Services/Juvenile Probation Joint System Improvement Plan, including Board designation of the County's Child Abuse Prevention Council, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Collaborative, County's Children Trust Fund Commission, and Administration of Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) A System Improvement Plan for the period of March 5, 2018 to March 5, 2023, a component of the California Child and Family Services Review mandated under Assembly Bill 636; and
- B) Execution of the Notice of Intent authorizing the Human Services Agency to administer the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and Promoting Safe and Stable Family funds; and
- C) Designation of the San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council as the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Promoting Safe and Stable Families Collaborative; and
- D) Designation of the San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council Oversight Committee as the County's Children's Trust Fund Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The California Child and Family Services Review (C CFSR), is an outcomes based review mandated by the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (Assembly Bill 636), and is an enhanced version of the federal CFSR. Assembly Bill 636 established the Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability System to (a) improve child welfare services for children and their families in California and (b) provide a system of accountability for outcome performance in each of the state's 58 counties. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) monitors County progress for outcome performance indicators related to safety, permanency and well-being.

The five-year System Improvement Plan (SIP) is one component of the C-CFSR which is overseen by CDSS and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP). Other elements of the C-CFSR include the Peer Review (PR), and the County Self- Assessment (CSA) was completed by the Human Services Agency (HSA) and approved by the California Department of Social Services on December 21, 2017.

The SIP is a collaborative effort between the HSA and Juvenile Probation, and serves as the operational Agreement between the County and State on how the County will work toward improving outcomes for children, youth, and families. The SIP is a commitment by the County to address specific, measurable improvements in performance outcomes to be achieved within a designated timeframe, and must be approved by the Board of Supervisors and CDSS.

DISCUSSION:

HSA is submitting the SIP for the period of March 5, 2018 to March 5, 2023 for the Board of Supervisors consideration and approval. It is in the County's best interest to approve the SIP which will allow HSA to maintain compliance with the CDSS guidelines for adhering to the C-CFSR. The SIP has been approved by all participating parties and addresses the County's plan to improve upon the following federal outcomes:

- 3-P1 Permanency within 12 months
- 3-P4 Re-entry into foster care within 12 months
- 3-P5 Placement Stability

Additionally, HSA is submitting for Board of Supervisors consideration and approval the Notice of Intent which will allow Human Services Agency to administer the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), and PSSF funds. Upon Board approval and execution of the Notice of Intent, the Human Services Agency will submit the Notice of Intent to CDSS.

As required by the C-CFSR process, San Mateo County is responsible for appointing the entity that will serve as the Children's Trust Fund Commission, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, and the PSSF Collaborative. HSA is requesting that the Board of Supervisors designate the San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (SMCCAPC) as the Child Abuse Prevention Council and the PSSF Collaborative; and SMCCAPC Oversight Committee as the County's Children's Trust Fund Commission.

County Counsel has approved the plan and resolution as to form.

This SIP Plan contributes to Shared Vision 2025 of a prosperous community by outlining a detailed strategy of self-review and continuous improvement for HSA with respect to providing services for some of our County's most vulnerable residents. The System Improvement Plan and committee designations present a coordinated plan and support network for families involved in child welfare services, and for those at risk for engagement.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Performance Measure	Baseline Performance	National Standard	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
3-P1 Permanency within 12 months	39.1%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%
3-P4 Re-entry into foster care within 12 months	11.9%	8.3%	10.5%	10.0%	9.5%	9.0%	8.3%
*3-P5 Placement Stability	4.74 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000	4.12 per 1,000

**The target goal for 3-P5 is to increase the number of foster families each year beginning in 2018 by recruiting five resource families for each SIP implementation year.*

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 term of the plan.