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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: LEE PHILIPSON for Lieberstein, Gary - District Attorney
District Attorney
REPORT BY: Gary Lieberstein, District Attorney/Public Administrator, 253-4292
SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa Valley Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa County to present 2006-2007 Annual Report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa County to present its 2006-2007 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive Office to create a subcommittee to review and report back on operational and capital costs for the Council's proposal to develop a Children's Advocacy Center.

Procedural Requirements

1. Chair announces the agenda item.
2. Staff reports on the item.
3. Questions by the Board.
4. Chair invites public comments.
5. Member makes a motion.
6. Different member seconds the motion.
7. Board discussion and debate on the motion.
8. Chair calls for the vote.
9. If roll call vote requested by member, Clerk calls the roll.
10. Chair announces the result of the vote.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), which is mandated in each County by the Welfare and Institutions Code, educates the community on child abuse prevention issues. CAPC is required to submit an annual report on its activities to the local Board of Supervisors.

The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa County's accomplishments for the 2006-2007 year include:

- | Utilization of the statewide Safe from the Start program to train 160 Napa professionals on the effects of chronic violence on early brain development;
- | Collaboration with state and local entities to develop protocol in Child Death Review cases;
- | Participation in the County's Child Welfare Services Needs Assessment;
- | Advocated at the state level for child abuse prevention support;
- | Conducted the Blue Ribbon Awareness Campaign in April 2007, specifically highlighting Family Resource Centers, Internet Safety and Shaken Baby Syndrome;
- | Disseminated Mandated Reporter materials and other prevention materials in English and Spanish throughout the Valley; and
- | Coordinated two (2) regional professional trainings that included 500+ attendees from the Greater Bay Area.

Over 10 years ago, Napa County recognized the need for a different way to address the problem of child abuse and began coordinating efforts to investigate, prosecute and treat abuse by forming the Napa Multi-Disciplinary Review Team (MDRT) and creating a Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC), currently housed at Health and Human Services. The Team is made up of professionals from Child Protective Services, Law Enforcement, the District Attorney's Office and Sexual Assault Prevention Services.

For the past three years, CAPC has recommended the development of a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). A CAC would provide a one-stop shop for investigators to interview abused children and for service agencies to confer on the needs of that child and their family. CAPC and the MDRT are currently in the process of developing funding proposals for a CAC in Napa County.

While many County agencies and departments support the concept of a Children's Advocacy Center, there are concerns with regards to staffing and on-going operational costs associated with a new Center and how these will be funded. County staff supports CAPC's proposal to create a collaborative committee and recommends that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive Office to form a subcommittee of staff from relevant County agencies and departments to develop and report on capital and operational cost estimates for a Children's Advocacy Center.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Cover Letter

B . CAPC 2006-2007 Annual Report

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan