

April 18, 2005

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION OF FUNDING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE – SUTTER COUNTY PARENT NETWORK, KINDERMUSIK, CHILDCARE RETENTION PROJECT, IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: At the March 25th Commission meeting it was agreed to hold a subcommittee meeting of commissioners to review funding requests submitted by the Sutter County Parent Network FY 05/06, Kindermusik, Childcare Retention Project-new State RFP to be released in April. Following the March 29th subcommittee meeting the following recommendations are presented to the Commission for consideration:

- 1. Sutter County Parent Network** – It is my recommendation and that of the subcommittee that the Commission fund the Sutter County Parent Network for FY 05/06 and FY 06/07 at \$100,000 per year. The contract will be renewed annually and will include the requirement that the Parent Network continue to pursue other funding and explore sustainability options. Commission staff will assist the Parent Network with this contract requirement.
- 2. Kindermusik** – The Commission does not have any open mini grant RFP's at this time, therefore it is not possible to recommend any projects without providing notice of availability of project funding to the community.
- 3. Childcare Retention Incentives Project** – First 5 California will release a new "CARES" RFP in April. The committee considered several concerns of the current program including but not limited to – poor participation by non center based providers, ratio of administrative costs to direct services, low participation in targeted areas and the restrictive criteria by the RFP for program participation. I join the subcommittee's recommendation not to submit an application for the CARES program RFP.
- 4. Immunization Program** – It is my recommendation and that of the subcommittee to fund the Immunization program for FY 05/06 at \$30,000. The budget will allow for a maximum of \$7,000 to be spent in Outreach.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the recommendations.

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