

July 16, 2007

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: "Core" Program Funding Commitments

BACKGROUND: The Commission recently updated the Strategic Plan and has conducted extensive discussion regarding long term financial planning. Through these processes the Commission has identified "Core" programs that fill service gaps in the community, provide direct and needed services to the County's youngest children and their families. The "Core" programs as listed in the 2007-2010 Strategic Plan (page 16) are Sutter County Smiles, Smart Start, School Readiness, Family SOUP, FREE Immunizations, Child Development Behavioral Specialist, Bright Futures, Beauregard's Backpacks, Community Education and Outreach and Mini Grants. These programs have demonstrated consistent successful performance and fiscal reporting and have a positive evaluation history. The Commission has indicated through the Strategic planning and long term financial planning activities a plan to continue funding these "Core" Programs. The Commission has approved multi year funding commitments for Sutter County Smiles (expires 08/09), Child Development Behavioral Specialist (expires 07/08) and School Readiness (current commitment expires 2010-2011). Multi year funding commitments provide-

- Grantees with the knowledge that a specified level of funding will be available.
- Annual fiscal year agreements for grantees. Agreements are reviewed/approved annually pending program performance, fiscal and evaluation reports.
- The ability to more accurately project program costs.
- The ability to clearly define the intended use of Commission reserve balance funds.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: It is recommended that the Commission approve two (2) years (FY 2008/2009, FY 2009/2010) of funding for the following "Core" programs. Two years will fund the identified programs through the end of the current Strategic Plan 2007-2010 and with the exception of School Readiness, places all core programs on the same funding commitment schedule. Program agreements will be reviewed/approved annually pending performance, fiscal and evaluation reports.

Program	Funding Commitment	
	FY 2008/2009	FY 2009/2010
Sutter County Smiles, YCUSD	\$157,257.00	\$157,257.00
Smart Start, YCUSD	\$253,230.00	\$253,230.00
Special Needs Project, Family SOUP	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
FREE Immunizations, SCHD	\$37,275.00	\$37,275.00
Child Development Behavioral Specialist, SCHD	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: None.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve the funding commitments.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of executive director's recommendation.

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