



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

Updated Meeting Agenda

January 24, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
County Administrators Center (CAC)
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, CA 92101

1. Welcome and Introduction to the Board
2. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction, but not an item on today's agenda.

Notice regarding juvenile case confidentiality: Those involved in a juvenile matter should ensure that they do not inadvertently disclose identifying information that violates juvenile court confidentiality provisions.

Please remember not to use acronyms in comments

3. Approval for the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of October 25, 2024.
4. Child and Family Well-Being and County Ombuds' Report
5. Update on San Pasqual Academy
6. Funding Update: Birth of Brilliance Conference
7. Work Group Updates
 - a) Child and Family Well-Being
 - b) Placement and Caregiver Support
 - c) Lived Experts Action Partners
8. Child and Family Well-Being Department, Director's Report
 - a) Board Letters:
 - Foster and Kinship Care Education
 - Acceptance of Funding for Transitional Housing Program, Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, and Transitional Housing Program Plus Housing Supplement Program

- An Ordinance Amending Article XVI of the San Diego County Administrative Code Relating to the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council
- b) CFWB System Improvement Plan
 - c) Family Connection Hub
 - d) Flexible Funds
9. Advisory Board Member Updates: Members may make brief announcements or report on their activities that are relevant to the Advisory Board
10. Adjournment

If you are planning to attend and need special accommodations, please call Torrey Giaquinta at (858) 581-5893 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, written materials distributed to the Advisory Board in connection with this agenda less than 72 hours before the meeting will be available online at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cfs.html>.

Next Meeting of the Advisory Board:
Friday, April 18, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00 AM



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Child and Family Strengthening
Advisory Board
Minutes of October 25, 2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NORA VARGAS
First District

JOEL ANDERSON
Second District

TERRA LAWSON-REMER
Third District

MONICA MONTGOMERY-STEPPE
Fourth District

JIM DESMOND
Fifth District

Members Present:

Patricia Boles, Foster Parent Association
 Erin Gospodarec, Congregate Care Provider
 Aimee Zeitz, District 2 Appointee
 Simone Hidds-Monroe, San Pasqual Academy
 Stephen Moore, Voices for Children, Inc
 Shea Prophet, Child Abuse and Juvenile Justice
 Dr. Patricia Fernandez, District 1 Appointee
 Hon. Judge Ana España, San Diego Superior Court
 Beth Ploesch, Children's Legal Services of San Diego
 Steven Gachette, Social Worker
 Jason Sharpe, District 4 Appointee
 Dr. Kimberly Giardina, County Health and Human Service Agency
 Diana Venegas, Individual with Lived Experience
 Alfredo Guardado, Child and Family Well-Being Department
 Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Rady's Children's Hospital
 Stephanie Ortega, Polinsky Children's Center/Promises2Kids
 Chief Tamika Nelson, San Diego County Probation
 Jeff Wiemann, Foster Family Agency
 Alethea Arguilez, First 5 San Diego
 Joseph Robinson, Individual with Lived Experience
 Adam Reed, Dependency Legal Services

Members Not Present:

Joy Singleton, District 3 Appointee
 Melissa Villagomez, Individual with Lived Experience
 Dr. Gloria Ciriza, San Diego County Office of Education

Staff Present:

Sandra McBrayer, The Children's Initiative
 Torrey Giaquinta, The Children's Initiative
 Kyle Sand, County Counsel

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Judge Ana España called the meeting to order.
- There were some seat changes. Dr. Giardina is now in the Health and Human Service Agency seat and is the new co-chair. Alfredo Guardado is filling in the Child and Family Well-Being Department seat.
- A quorum was present.
- All Advisory Board members introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

3. Approval for the Statement of Proceeding/Minutes for the meeting of July 26, 2024

- Jeff Wiemann motion to approve the minutes. Tamika Nelson seconded.
- Alethea Arguilez, Kim Giardina, Tamika Nelson, and Adam Reed abstained.

- All other members voted to approve the minutes.

4. Update on Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Feedback

Background

- Stephanie Gross from CFWB presented on this topic.
- CANS was presented at the April CFSAB meeting. Board members had questions on how feedback is gathered.
- CANS assessments are done during Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM). Few of those meetings are conducted by internal CFWB workers. The majority of CFTMs are conducted by Fred Finch staff under a contract.
- The social worker may make suggestions however the child and family decide on who to invite to the CFTM. The child has veto powers.
- A link to the feedback survey is posted in the meeting chat and also emailed to participants after the meeting. The survey is estimated to take six minutes to complete and has 17 scaling questions.

Next Steps

- There was only one child who completed the survey. Future efforts will work to identify a support person to encourage youth to complete the survey. Facilitators will confirm the youth's email address during the meeting. Other suggestions were to make sure CFTMs are scheduled outside of school hours. Social workers can also follow up with youth to ask why they did not attend to give more information.
- Relatives sometimes add their relationship to the child under the "Other" category rather than selecting the "Relative" option. Staff are looking at making the Relative answer have a drop-down menu where relatives can further identify their connection to the child if desired, for example "Grandparent" or "Cousin".
- Starting in November 2024, the CFTM will occur in smart rooms which will better facilitate meetings in which some participants are in person and others are virtual.
- Meetings between CFWB and Fred Finch to go over the survey results have changed to monthly rather than quarterly.
- Two forms involving the sharing of information are used for CFTMs. Form 0429 allows protected health information to be shared. This form needs wet signatures (rather than electronic) and is required for each child in the family. A separate release of information form is also required by the state. The two forms cannot be combined. Sometimes the lack of form 0429 has resulted in support persons being turned away from the meeting. CFWB staff will clarify with the facilitators that support persons can attend the CFTM even if that form is not signed. The only change is that protected health information cannot be shared.

5. Family Connection Hub Presentation

- Nathaniel Martinez from Say San Diego presented on this topic.
- The survey regarding the name for the prevention hub received 80 votes. The winner was "Family Connection Hub". This represents the connection between the family and supports, the family and the care navigator, and between providers.
- The Family Connection Hub is part of the prevention efforts allowed under the Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA).
- The fourteen potential populations for FFPSA are being added in three phases. The hope is that this prevents families from having to wait for either a care navigator or a provider to have availability.
- San Diego is using a 'no wrong door' model, families seeking support have multiple ways to access the Hub. If a family who does not fall into Phase 1, contacts 211 or the Hub they will be served.
- Phase 1 begins in December 2024, with social workers referring families who have substantiated or inconclusive dispositions but open case, and youth subject to probation

under W&I Code 602.

- There are currently four care navigators, this number will expand as the number of families increases. The care navigators can meet with families, in-person at regional hubs, in a community space (library), in the family's home, or virtually. The care navigators will use positive childhood experiences, protective factors, and social determinants of health as assessment tools. Families receive one year of support.
- Although the care navigators are mandatory reporters, there will be a firewall between the Hub and CFWB so that information about families is not shared.
- There are four evidence based practices the state has identified are able to be paid for with the FFPSA funds: Function Family Therapy, Health Families America, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing.

6. Work Group Updates

- **Lived Experts Action Partners Work Group** Torrey Giaquinta presented on this topic as there is currently not a work group chair. The number of lived experts participating in the work group has declined. The work group is discussing recruitment methods so that there are more lived experts participating in the group decisions.
- **Child and Family Well-Being Work Group** Aimee Zeitz and Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, co-chairs, presented the update. Work on the care and compensation plan for lived experts continues. The group has identified concrete needs as the first area for the map and gaps analysis.
- **Placement and Caregiver Support Work Group** Jeff Wiemann and Patty Boles, co-chairs, discussed the transition plan developed by providers. CFWB staff is conducting a crosswalk between the information contained in the provider developed plan and the document the agency currently uses.

7. Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Department, Director's Report

Alfredo Guardado presented the Director's Report.

- **Update on Interim Claiming System for Family First Prevention and Services Act**
In addition to building the interim claiming system, some counties are pushing for legislative advocacy as well. The FFPSA claiming system affects the Family Connection Hub.
- **Foster and Kinship Care Education (FAKCE) Board Letter**
This letter is still in draft form and will be presented at the next CFSAB meeting. The letter is going before the County Board of Supervisors on December 10th to allow a single source contract with Grossmont College to provide education to foster and kinship caregivers.
- **[Flexible Family Supports Funding](#)**
The new website to request flexible family support funding was shown. Requests for funds can be made by the youth, social worker, CASA, caregiver, or an FFA or STRTP representative.
- **Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program (DESP) Expansion**
 - Developmental screening was expanded to serve ages 6-12 (previously children need to be 5 or under). Families who have a filed child welfare case or are on a voluntary plan are eligible for the screening.
 - A more detailed presentation of the expansion is planned for 2025.
 - There were two public comments for this agenda item, both were from DESP staff. The staff commented that they were expecting 30 referrals in the first quarter and received 90. Not only were there more referrals than anticipated, but the screenings are also taking longer, and the youth have more complex needs. All of the 90 referred families who completed assessments had developmental and mental health concerns. Working with the older population has raised questions about how to engage the K-12 education system to inform IEPs and 504 plans.

- **Foster Parent Picnic**
 - The 39th annual foster parent picnic was held on October 5th.
 - ROTC students from Sweetwater helped staff the event.
- **Revision of CFWB Safety Enhanced Together (SET) Framework**
 - The Safety Enhanced Together framework which dictates the vision, priorities, and values of CFWB was created in 2015. The framework will be revised to prioritize lived experts and equity.

8. Advisory Board Member Updates: There were no updates.

9. Adjournment

Topics to be presented at future CFSAB meetings:

- A follow up on CANS
- Safety Enhanced Together framework revision
- Update on Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program (DESP) Expansion
- System Improvement Plan

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CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

(OOO)



WHAT IS AN OMBUDSMAN?



- Ombudsman means one who investigates complaints and protects citizens' rights.

HISTORY:

- Established in 1992
 - Request for oversight in an impartial, objective manner.



OMBUDSMAN TEAM



Manager/Executive Assistant

Supervisor

Ombudsman Investigators (OI)

Office Support Specialist (OSS)





We provide external and internal services/support

EXTERNAL

- Provide callers education on CFWB policy, procedures, and social work practice
- Facilitate complaint resolution in an impartial, objective and professional manner
- Provides resource information about non-Child Welfare agencies and/or services

INTERNAL

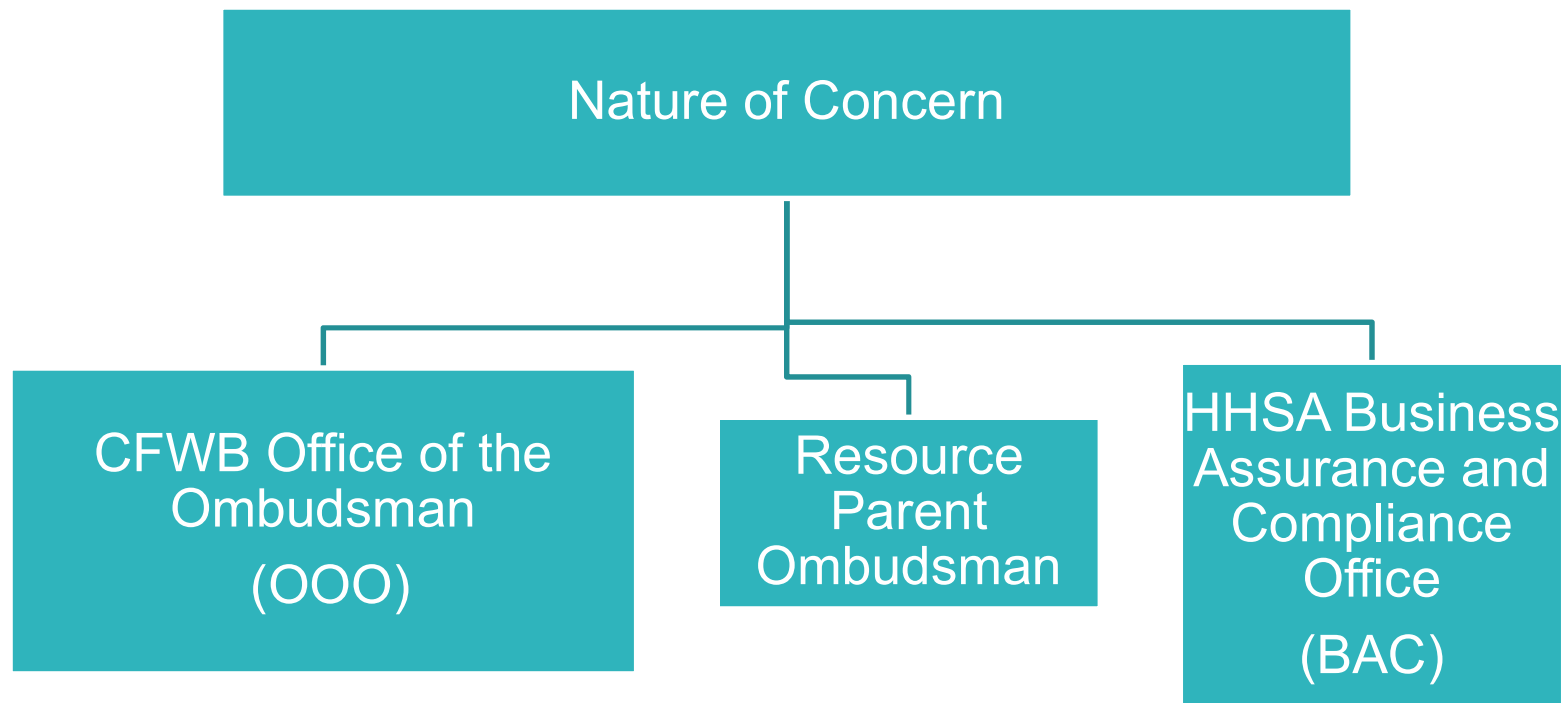
- Support Regional teams
- Support Director's Office
- State Liaison for Fatality & Near Fatalities
- Collaborate with Community Partners



ADDRESSING CONCERNS



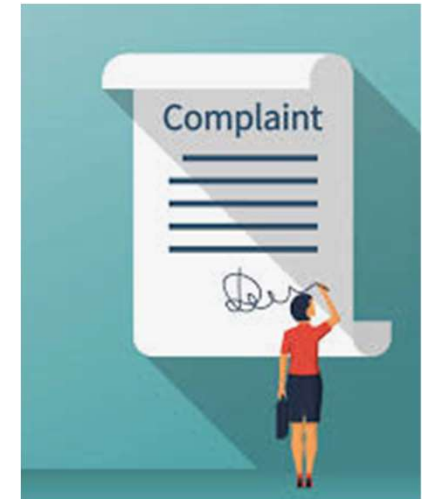
Depending on the nature of the concern, there are three options to manage the issue most effectively.



ADDRESSING CONCERNS



- Who Calls Ombuds?
- Why do they call?
- How does Ombuds assist?



WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO



- Make recommendations to the Court or overturn Court orders
- Investigate matters in which appeals or lawsuits are pending
- Change or make exceptions to State or Federal laws and regulations
- Investigate or make recommendations in personnel or disciplinary matters
- Give legal advice



2024 TRENDS



MONTH	PUBLIC CALLS	WEB-SITE Inquiries	CAO/AEO Requests (BOS, Public Official etc.)	Management Requests (EA, CFWB Director)	Citizen Complaints	Walk-Ins	TOTAL
JANUARY	45	10	0	2	0	0	57
FEBRUARY	55	7	1	3	0	2	68
MARCH	69	4	0	2	0	1	76
APRIL	57	7	3	3	0	1	71
MAY	67	5	2	3	0	0	77
JUNE	50	3	0	0	0	3	56
JULY	47	10	1	4	0	1	63
AGAUST	47	8	0	1	0	0	56
SEPTEMBER	34	9	1	1	0	0	45
OCTOBER	50	11	2	2	0	0	65
NOVEMBER	29	7	0	2	0	1	39
DECEMBER	38	8	1	2	0	2	51
TOTAL	588	89	11	25	0	11	724

RESOURCES



Office of the Ombudsman Public Line: 619-338-2098

Resource Family Home Complaints/Concerns: 877-792-KIDS (5437)

CFWB Records Requests (Legal Services Public Line): 858-616-5950

DOJ Grievance Public Line: 858-616-5988

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Purpose and Function



Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Office of the Ombudsman:

- Informs callers of CFWB policies and procedures
- Registers and monitors complaints regarding Child and Family Well-Being
- Conducts internal reviews of complaints regarding policy, procedures and social work practice
- Facilitates complaint resolution in an impartial, objective and professional manner
- Elevates findings and recommendations to management to ensure that policies and practices meet State and Federal laws, and are consistent with the mission and goals of Child and Family Well-Being
- Provides resource information about non-CFWB agencies and/or services

Office of the Ombudsman

Contact Information

(619) 338-2098

For written inquiries, please visit our [website](#)

Information Line

(858) 514-6995

For more information, please visit [Child and Family Well-Being \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)

Calls frequently come from children, parents, relatives, friends, resource parents, attorneys, physicians, teachers, therapists, social workers and community groups. Anyone is welcome to call for information or to discuss a concern.



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Child and Family Well-Being

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

(619) 338-2098

- Telephone Support
- Information & Assistance
- Review of Concerns

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OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

WHAT IS AN OMBUDSMAN?

“Ombudsman” means one who investigates complaints and protects citizens’ rights. The Office of the Ombudsman investigates concerns related to Child and Family Well-Being policy, procedure and social work practice.

The Ombudsman is a selected individual who oversees the investigation and resolution of complaints, and reports to the Director of Child and Family Well-Being and the Health and Human Services Agency’s Chief Operations Officer. Ombudsman Investigators review complaints and develop proposed resolutions.



HOW CAN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN HELP?

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN:

- Researches policies and procedures to assist in resolving complaints
- Provides information and answers questions
- Conducts internal reviews of concerns related to Child and Family Well-Being
- Facilitates complaint resolution in an impartial, objective manner



LIMITATIONS

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO:

- Make recommendations to the Court or overturn Court orders
- Investigate matters in which appeals or lawsuits are pending
- Change or make exceptions to State or Federal laws and regulations
- Investigate or make recommendations in personnel or disciplinary matters
- Give legal advice

WHAT TO DO BEFORE CALLING THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Before calling the Office of the Ombudsman, try to resolve concerns by contacting the following individuals in the order listed:

1. Social Worker
2. Supervisor
3. Protective Services Program Manager
4. Chief of Practice
5. Deputy Director

The Information Line, (858) 514-6995, can provide names and phone numbers of staff in your case.

Also consider the following steps:

- Record the names of staff whom you have contacted
- Keep records: take notes and record dates of events
- Save all your documents

Please attempt to resolve the complaint at the lowest possible level. If the complaint remains unresolved, call the Office of the Ombudsman.



Questions?

We are here to support you.
Thank You!

Connect with me:

Katherine N. Hodge

Protective Service Program Manager/Executive Assistant to the Director

My digital Business Card:



CFASB Presentation

HHSA Business Assurance and Compliance
January 2025

Agenda Item 4



Business Assurance and Compliance

Who we are & What we do

- Manage regulatory compliance, data security, privacy and confidentiality for HHSA
- Support audits, set privacy and data security policy, provide regulatory compliance support to service departments



Business Assurance and Compliance

Policy & Procedure Review

SanDiegoCounty.gov Home

Health & Human Services Agency

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MENU PROGRAMS ALL SERVICES A-Z FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARDS CONTACT US

Child Welfare Services (CWS) Policy & Procedure Review

BAC allows clients with current or closed CWS cases to request a review of whether CWS policy, procedure and/or process was appropriately followed in the administration of the case or investigation. By reviewing the CWS Policy Manual, clients can direct BAC to specific policy or procedural concerns for consideration. Click on the links below to view the CWS Policy Manual and relevant subsections.

- **CWS Policy Manual (Home)**
 - CWS Acronyms
 - Continuing Services (CS)
 - Emergency Response (ER)
 - ER - Investigations
 - ER - Court Intervention Procedures
 - Protocols
 - Cross Program Contacts
 - Cross Program Contacts - General

To submit a CWS Policy & Procedures Review Request form, click on the blue button below to download the form. To view a desk aid for completing and submitting the form, click [here](#).

CWS Policy & Procedure Review Request

Select Language
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Popular Services

- Aging & Independence Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Children's Services
- Housing & Community Development Services
- Medical Care Services
- Public Health Services
- Self-Sufficiency Programs
- Support Divisions
- Find an office near you
- More Services



Business Assurance and Compliance

Policy & Procedure Review

- *Can receive referrals from both community and OOO*
- Meet with parent, gather any documentation and information related to their concerns
- Conduct in depth review of CFWB Referral/Case documentation
- Identify the policies and protocols associated with the concerns
- If necessary, interview assigned social workers, supervisors and staff involved with investigation. I



Business Assurance and Compliance

Policy & Procedure Review

- Determinations are generally Founded or Unfounded, similar to an audit
- Responses issued to parent
- Responses issued to department, may include recommendations such as changes in language in policy or additional training



Business Assurance and Compliance

Review Dashboard



CFWB Investigations

Date Assigned: 1/23/2024 through 12/21/2024



Total Reviews

18

Total Policy Related Complaints

6

Total Staff related complaints

3

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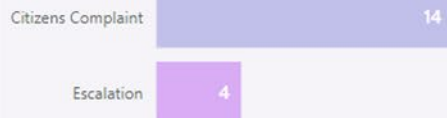
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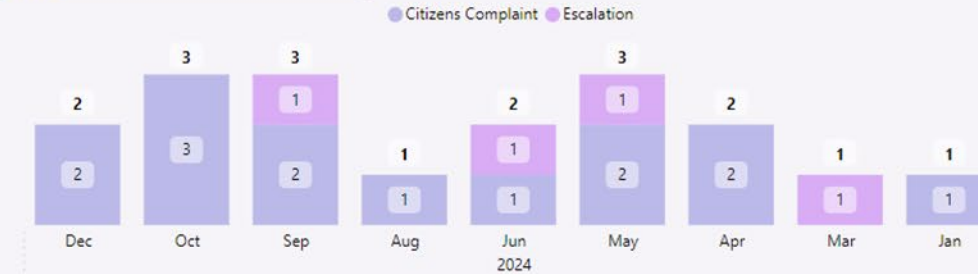
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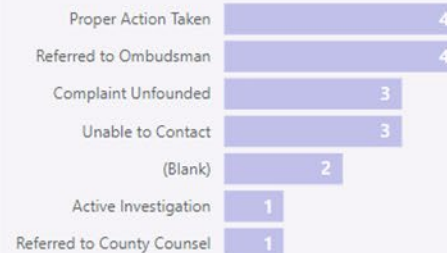
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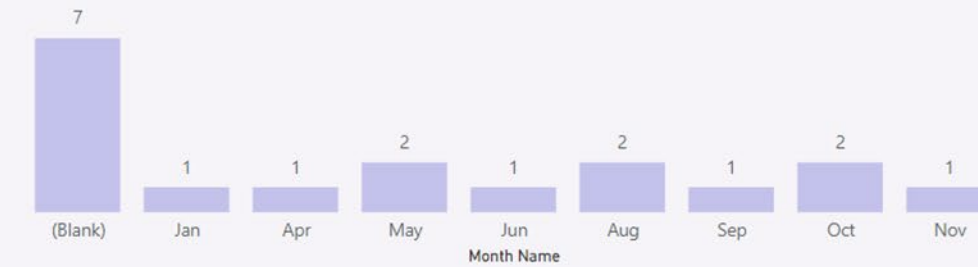
Reviews by Date Assigned



Review Status



Reviews by Date Issued



Questions and Contact

Compliance.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov

Thank you!



SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY



Background



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- San Pasqual Academy opened in 2001 to meet the growing need for a campus environment.
- Legislative Reform Impact: Prioritized placement in family-based settings
 - Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) (2017)
 - The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) (2018)



Children in Out of Home Care



Fiscal Year	Children In Out Of Home Care	Youth Placed At The Academy
2001-2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8450• 2,348 Youth Ages 12-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 77
2023 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2068• 415 Youth Ages Of 12-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10

Children in Out of Home Care



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The number of children in out of home care continues to decrease:

- 1427 in out of home care
- 42% (594) in Kinship care



*Monthly Average of Fiscal Year to Date (July 2024 - Nov 2024)

The Academy Reimagined



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In January 2022 Rite of Passage Adolescents Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc., was awarded a contract the following programs and services at the San Pasqual Campus:

- Residential Group Home
- Foster Family Agency
- Alumni Housing
- Intergenerational Program
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)*
- Transitional Housing



*Rite of Passage was awarded the STRTP contract in 2024.

THANK YOU



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San Pasqual Academy Campus Overview and Update



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January 24, 2025 Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board Meeting

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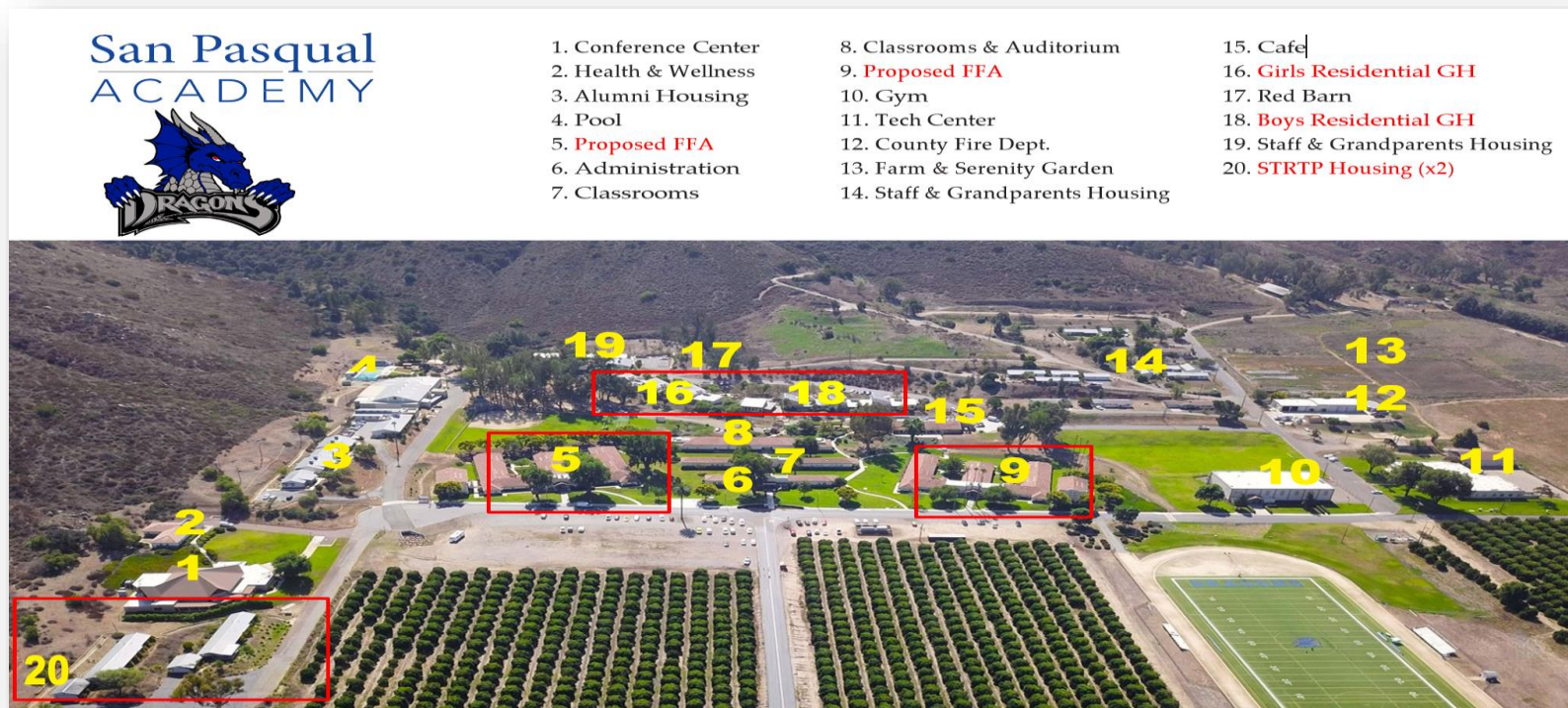
Campus History



- Built in 1947 by the 7th Day Adventist Church. Activities included worship, book binding, product re-packing, and vegetable growing/sales.
- In 1999, San Diego County purchased and opened it as San Pasqual Academy (SPA) boarding school for foster youth in September 2000.
- New Alternatives, Inc. operated SPA from 2000 – 2023.
- Under a new contract with the County AND new State licensing standards (SPA ILS v2), Rite of Passage assumed operations on March 3, 2023.

Master Plan of Campus

The multipurpose campus includes numerous buildings that host a continuum of care that includes Education, Vocational Training, Medical Care, Athletics, Food Service, (Future) Foster Care, Group Home, and Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.





ACADEMY

WELCOME HOME



The Students of San Pasqual *(December 2024):*

- **Campus Population: 48**
- **Average age is 15 years** (currently the youngest is 12 and the oldest is 18).
- **Average length of stay is 2 years.**
- **Grade levels:**
 - 7th grade: 1
 - 8th grade: 2 females
 - 9th grade: 3 females, 3 males, 1 nonbinary
 - 10th grade: 6 females, 6 males
 - 11th grade: 5 females, 8 males, 1 nonbinary
 - 12th grade: 8 females, 4 males
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Additional information regarding current students on campus

Current breakdown of SPA Group Home population:

- 62% students have a designated therapist from San Diego Center for Children
- Students are able to apply for and be selected for on campus jobs
- Some students have “family reunification” as their transition plan.
- 20% of students attend school off campus
- Average number of failed foster care placements per student = 2
- Most number of failed foster care placements by an individual student = 8.
- Average age of students is 15.5 years
- There are five sibling groups currently on campus.

Recent Extra Curricular Activities

Birthday celebrations

Creative Corner – 3D printing

Games Night

Music Night

Holiday recognition (Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Years, MLK Day, Three Kings Day,...)

Hiking and Biking

Trade Skills – Car detailing

Open Gym

Intramural activities (softball, basketball, track and field)

Independent Living Skills

Off Campus – movies, car shows, special events, and routine outings



Alumni Involvement Opportunities

- Event attendance and public support
- Alumni Advisory Council
- Senior Lunch Seminars
- Employment
- Communication re: campus activities

Intergenerational Program

- The program structure is in transition
- Core group of grandparents add value daily

Full time Alumni & Intergenerational Program Coordinator

Full time Activities Coordinator

Student Discharge Information (2024)

- **Program Exits = 35 (83% successful)**
- **All successful exits were enrolled to continue their education in High School, College, or Vocational School. 100% of (on campus) Seniors graduated and received a High School diploma.**
- **After exiting, students transitioned to various living situations including;**
 - Higher level of care**
 - Family**
 - Foster Care**
 - Transitional Housing**
 - On campus dormitories**
- **In 2024 nine alumni received on campus housing assistance**

Campus Partners

On-Campus Program Partners

San Diego County – facilities, child referrals, social work

San Diego County Office of Education – educational services

Friends of San Pasqual Academy – community based student support

Access, Inc. – workforce development

San Diego Center for Children – behavior health services

Local Companies and Local Service Groups (Rotary, etc.)

Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program

The STRTP Program is designed to provide short term residential services with intensive integrated therapeutic services for youth.

- Name – San Pasqual Treatment Center
- 2 separate homes with separate STRTP issued CCL licenses
- 6 boys, 6 girls
- Staff assigned to STRTP cannot be shared with other on campus programs. includes direct care and supervision (day/nights), therapeutic staff, Manager, Head of Service, and case managers.
- Program schedule is separate from San Pasqual Academy
- **Opening Date: TBA (...as soon as licensed by CCL)**



Foster Care Program

Due to the unique nature of the proposed Foster Care implementation, SPA will start with two foster homes with a target population of youth siblings. The program will involve the following:

- Establish SPA Foster Care Committee that meets monthly. ROP, County, Foster Parents, and student representatives participate.
- Two separate certified homes (homes G8 and G9) start the pilot program.
- 1-3 individual foster youth per home. If the foster youth are siblings, the number could be up to 6 per home.
- Target youth population is individual students and/or siblings that desire long term foster care.
- Monthly an evaluation will be completed by the Foster Care Committee.
- Barriers and hurdles to be addressed by the Foster Care Committee at the monthly meeting.

Planned opening date (for the first two foster homes): April 2024



San Pasqual Campus



Questions?



1/15/2025

Greetings Alfredo Guardado and CFSAB of San Diego County

We would like to begin by expressing our gratitude for your willingness to learn about the Birth of Brilliance (BoB) Conference and Cultural Fair. We launched in 2021 and we are excited to celebrate our 5th Annual Conference in February 2025. As you can imagine, building this conference from scratch during the pandemic was difficult, but we were grateful to have help from San Diego Youth Services as our fiscal agent, and financial support from Behavioral Health Services to launch in 2021.

Since then, the County Board of Supervisors pledged \$25,000 in both 2022 and 2023, and the County Office of Equity pledged \$5000 in 2022, 2023, and 2024. The Child and Family Wellbeing Department has also provided support for the last 3 years.

Each year our attendance has grown with the readiness and excitement to have brave conversations around race and equity in our child serving systems. The Birth Of Brilliance conference educates over 400 providers each year on practices to increase equitable access to quality services for children, youth and families. These include clinicians, medical professionals, allied professionals and educators throughout San Diego County's schools, behavioral health services, probation department, medical and developmental services, and child welfare. With the past financial support from Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Luke Bergman at BHS, Kim Giardina when she oversaw CFWB, Andrew Strong when he oversaw the Office of Equity, and other local supporters, we have had opportunities to bring speakers and attendees together to foster community and provoke rich conversations and dialogue under different themes each year.

We would like to ask this committee for financial support for Birth of Brilliance 2025 and invite you all to join our "Legacy of Healing." Feel free to watch our video that summarizes the last 4 years of the Birth of Brilliance Conference and Cultural Fair to get a glimpse of what this event is all about.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or reach out directly to the conference Tri-Chairs: Aisha Pope, Melanie Morones, and Precious Jackson-Hubbard at birthofbrilliance@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Aisha Pope, Melanie Morones, and Precious Jackson-Hubbard

The Birth of Brilliance Conference Tri-Chairs



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

Child and Family Well-Being Work Group

Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Gioia-Beckman and Aimee Zeitz

Meeting Staff: Torrey Giaquinta

Participants: 32, including board members: Aimee Zeitz, Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Joseph Robinson, Shea Prophet, Steven Gachette, Adam Reed, Diana Venegas, and Stephanie Ortega.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** Stephanie opened the meeting; participants used the chat to introduce themselves. The workgroup description, action plan goals, and agreed framework for the maps and gaps analysis were shared.
- 2. Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence data** Stephanie Gross presented the information on DV/IPV requested at the last meeting. CFWB asked Evident Change to pull the data, the data included new cases between 10/1/23 and 9/30/24. The cases were pulled if DV was identified in the initial case plan. There were 289 cases/children, including families in both family maintenance and family reunification. There was a discussion of the different service types families are referred to. Note: the services can be referrals for the parent and/or child (for instance special education and tutoring are likely services for the child, whereas substance abuse inpatient could apply to either).

211 staff will be at the next meeting to discuss their data on DV/IPV.

(2a). Discussion on how this applies to map and gap analysis participants cautioned that we will need clear, uniform definitions when conducting the analysis. 'Waitlist' can have a different meaning between different agencies, especially if their contract includes restrictions on waitlists. For DV services, shelters in particular, we will want to ask the gender they serve, if children of all genders are allowed, and if so, up to what age. We will want to know if any waitlist is due to capacity per contract, staffing, or some other reason. We will need to be clear which program we are seeking information about, as some agencies have multiple programs. We will need to discuss what level of specificity is needed. We will also want to know the referral pathway for each program/agency. Specifically, whether the referral needs to come from CFWB, law enforcement, or another agency. Often these pathways have established contracts or agreements on the exchange of information.

Participants discussed the type of information we should gathered. We will want information from providers and people with lived experience. This information can be obtained through focus groups or surveys. We can use that information to guide our analysis. For example, if lived experts mention difficulty accessing DV shelter when they have teenage sons, we can make sure questions regarding that are included.

3. Announcements A proposal to compensate the lived experts working on the Lived Expert Care and Compensation Model is in process.

4. Date of Next Meeting – December 18, 2024 11am-12:30pm
Torrey will follow up with One Safe Place on what data they collect.

5. Adjournment



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Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Gioia-Beckman and Aimee Zeitz

Meeting Staff: Torrey Giaquinta

Participants: 47, including board members: Aimee Zeitz, Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Alethea Arguilez, Joseph Robinson, Erin Gospodarec, Adam Reed, Stephanie Ortega, and Steven Gachette

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Participants introduced themselves in the chat. The two-year action plan was discussed including the strategy under discussion today: Inventory existing needs assessments

2. **Announcements**

- The California Annual Convening Prevention Summit is happening February 26th and 27th. One of the keynote speakers, Dr. Robert Sage, is the founder of HOPE. Those who attend can provide an update at the March work group meeting.
- The prevention hub is now called the Family Connection Hub. The group got feedback that the hub's name should signify what they are trying to promote, which is connection. Four care navigators have been hired. CFWB staff are now referring families.
- The Trauma Resilient Parent Certification Program is open.
- First5 San Diego's 5-year Strategic Plan was presented and approved by their board.
- There will be a HOPE Facilitators training in 2025. The link to join the interest list was shared.

3. **Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence data from 211**

211 staff shared a report on the needs of people who contacted 211 and identified domestic violence as a concern between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. There were 3,668 total clients and 7,135 referrals were made. Forty-four percent of clients had at least one child; 88% of clients had a median income 30% or less than the area median. Ninety-three percent of clients

had health insurance, 84% of those had Medi-Cal. Fifty-eight percent of clients reported having a health concern, for 53% the concern was around mental/behavioral health, 45% was physical, 3% had a developmental concern, and 3% named substance use as a concern. Of clients who participated in a Social Determinant of Health and Wellness assessment, 55% listed housing, specifically domestic violence shelters, as a need. Of those assessed for nutrition, 61% often ran out of food during the last month. Of those that completed a utility assessment, 84% of clients had a utility bill over 25% of their income and 87% had a utility bill that was past due.

Attendees discussed the implications of this data on our map and gap analysis.

4. Presentation of [Children and Families Data Hub](#)

Sarah Mostofi from Children's Initiative presented the new *Live Well San Diego* Children and Families Data Hub. She walked through the layout of the hub including how to drill down on one of the 29 indicators to see the data by race, age, gender, HHS region, or other factors.

5. Date of Next Meeting – February 19th, 2025 11am-12:30pm

6. Adjournment



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

Placement & Caregiver Support Work Group

Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2024

Co-Chairs: Jeff Wiemann and Patty Boles

Meeting Staff: Torrey Giaquinta

Participants: 23, including board members Beth Ploesch, Adam Reed, Jeff Wiemann, Patty Boles, Diana Venegas, and Joseph Robinson

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Jeff opened the meeting and went over the agenda. Introductions were done in the chat.

2. Announcements

- Alfredo Guardado has been hired as the permanent director of CFWB.
- Peggy Ruefer is a new placement policy analyst at CFWB. She has taken over for Veronica Sarabia.

3. Two-Year Action Plan

- **QPI survey** Diana Macis from CFWB discussed the QPO survey that will be going out at the end of January. Diana shared a recording from Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) on Quality Parenting Outreach (QPO). QPO is a text-based service. As the survey should only take participants two minutes to answer there are only 5-7 questions. Those questions should be meaningful to individuals and systems. There is a work group, which includes lived experts, developing the survey questions which then will go to the Board for authorization. The survey will go out to resource parents and social workers. Quarterly follow-ups will then be done to see if the devised intervention works. The topic will stay the same for the entire year, but the questions will change.

Participants asked if the QPO survey will go out to additional participants. There are confidentiality issues with having biological parents participate in the surveys. CFWB is trying to develop a pool of former foster youth to take the survey. There is no monetary incentive for participation.

Pre-survey promotional materials will go out so that the resource parents and social workers are aware of QPO and that a survey will be coming via text message.

- **Transition plan cross walk** Next, Rachel Swaykos presented results from reviewing the transition plan tool. The presentation listed on which CFWB form each piece of information could be found. The CFWB forms included were: All About Me, Placement Needs and Services Plans, Dangerous Propensities, Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths, treatment plans, court reports, court orders, Visitation Plan (04-36), CFT Meeting Action Plan, Case Plan, and school records. Transition plans should be developed in CFT (Child and Family Team) meetings. The plans should include the ideal timeline or minimum appropriate timeline for a change in placement.

Rachel also went over the current placement transition practices for a return home or other change in placement. Change in placement (COP) can be due to reunification, a move to a higher or lower level of care, a change to another placement at the same level of care, or a youth aging out of care. Considerations in a change of plans are bed availability, court orders, services, safety, and risk factors, kin and sibling placement, and the wants and needs of the child, parents, and resource placement. There is a Placement Preservation Plan policy that should be developed by the CFT when a placement is a risk of disruption.

The All About Me form will be expanded to include some of the desired information that is not captured on another form. CFWB will increase the use and distribution of the Visitation Plan to CFT members. CFWB will not match children and resource parents if the resource parent will not support the child's culture, language, or sexual orientation and gender identity / expression.

CFWB will wait for the results of the QPO survey to resource placements and social workers about what information would be useful to improve the placement

experience before changing any forms. The State is working on a statewide transition policy for judges; Diana Macis will provide updates on that work.

The presentation can be found on the CFSAB [Shared Drive](#)

4. Child safety report

- Jeff Wiemann and Beth Ploesch discussed the desire for a child safety report for children in placements. They would like the report to list the number of allegations for abuse or neglect, the outcome of the investigation (substantiated, unfounded), and whether the child remained in the placement. They would like to be able to sort this information by placement type. Lillian Asoera offered to gather the information for a presentation, however, they are envisioning this to be a report that is distributed to the CFSAB at every meeting. If there are any questions about the data, CFWB can arrange to have someone present at the next meeting to answer questions.

Other attendees mentioned that sometimes when a parent wants make an injury report, they are not sure how to do so, or don't find out the results.

CFWB staff mentioned the Injury to Kids in Foster Care policy was recently updated. Attendees wondered whether resource parents are aware of all of the requirements listed in the policy, for instance, getting approval before giving a child medication for a fever.

SB 1043 created a new safety dashboard for youth in short term residential treatment program (STRTP) placements.

5. Date of Next Meeting – February 27, 2025 at 11:00 am



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Child and Family Strengthening
Advisory Board

Lived Expert Action Partners Work Group

Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Chair: (none at this time)

Meeting Staff: Torrey Giaquinta

Attendees: there were 13 participants. Board members present: Stephen Moore.

1. Welcome All participants introduced themselves.

2. Announcements CFWB provided an update on new staff.

3. Develop plan for lived experts The majority of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of how to get more lived experts participating in the work group. Participants mentioned the need to be on social media (Instagram and TikTok). We also debated having in-person meetings. At this time, we decided to keep meetings remote but perhaps have some in-person events, with swag, to increase participation.

The two-year action plan the work group developed assumes/requires a lot of participation from lived experts. We discussed needing to change our targeted pool from any lived expert with experience in child welfare to lived experts with experience in child welfare *who are interested in advocacy* as the work group is grounded in advocacy work.

We decided to proceed with the survey to identify lived experts who are interested in training on how to tell their story (Goal 1, Strategy 1). We should conduct an inventory of what agencies/programs already have training in this and possibly refer to them.

Without an established compensation model, we will be asking for volunteers at this time. We will need to create some sort of accountability process around the action plan work.

4. Adjournment. Date of Next Meeting –Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6:00pm. At the next meeting, Torrey will have gone through the action plan to identify the activities/roles we need filled by lived experts.



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Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

Lived Expert Action Partners Work Group

Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Chair: (none at this time)

Meeting Staff: Torrey Giaquinta

Attendees: there were 13 participants. Board members present: Stephen Moore.

1. Welcome

All participants introduced themselves.

2. Identify lived expert roles needed to complete action plan

The two-year action plan for this work group is very ambitious, we will need to recruit former foster youth with talent in these areas. Torrey shared a document identifying the types of roles needed to complete the action plan, some examples are survey development, report writer, contract reviewer. Attendees reviewed the document and the action plan.

The concern of not having enough former foster youth present to make these decisions was mentioned again. The focus changed to ideas on how to reach and involved more former foster youth. We discussed the new judicial rule that will allow current foster youth to participate in the work group.

Attendees suggested reaching out to Just in Time and Promises2Kids to reach FFY. The need for a social media presence was mentioned.

Laura Neal offered the use of the San Diego field office and to provide food at an in-person meeting. The meeting would be to discuss the action plan and hopefully get FFY involved in that work. For that meeting, we need to have clarity around the purpose of the work group, what we are asking of (former) youth, and an answer to why they should participate. There are many programs that are also trying to incorporate lived experts.

What makes LEAP different?

The idea of having ambassadors/mentors was raised. Those people could help on-board new youth, explaining what they can share, considerations when deciding what to share, and how the group works.

Torrey will reach out to former attendees for their feedback on the work group.

Attendees then discussed widening the lived experts participating to include biological parents, kin placements, and caregivers. There was some concern that expansion could lead to youth being less open in the meetings.

3. Announcements

Seats on the CFSAB for D1, D2, D3, D5, and SPA are available. The link to the application was shared.

4. Adjournment. Date of Next Meeting –Thursday, February 20, 2024, 6:00pm.



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AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: December 10, 2024

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZE PROCUREMENT OF A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR THE FOSTER, ADOPTIVE, AND KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In 1984, California established the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program, assigning the California Community College Chancellor's (Chancellor's) Office to manage the program and provide funding for community colleges to train current and potential resource families. On January 1, 2017, California launched the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process, simplifying the system by merging foster parent licensing, relative caregiver approval, adoption, and guardianship into one unified, family-friendly process for all prospective resource families.

Since 1986, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District has provided training and support to resource families in San Diego County. The FKCE program at Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (Grossmont) provides state-required training for resource parents. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) has also provided additional funding to extend training to adoptive parents. Since 1993, HHS Child and Family Well-Being Department, formerly Child Welfare Services, has partnered with Grossmont through multi-year contracts to deliver the Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Care Education (FAKCE) program.

The current contract with Grossmont, approved by San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on February 11, 2020 (10), expires on June 30, 2025. The Chancellor's Office, as part of its Fiscal Year 2024-25 compendium of allocations, has reaffirmed Grossmont's designation as the exclusive provider of the FAKCE Program in San Diego County, entrusting them with the administration of State funding allocated under Proposition 98 to support program services.

Today's action requests the Board authorize procurement of a single source contract with Grossmont for the initial term of one year and up to four option years and six months, as needed, to deliver the FAKCE program.

Today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically

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left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by furthering efforts to support the well-being and safety of vulnerable children by ensuring resource families receive education, training, and support to provide quality parenting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for the Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Care Education Program, for the period of up to one year and up to four option years, and up to six additional months if needed, pending availability of funds, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes in services or funding.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Care Education (FAKCE) program enhances equity by providing equal access to critical training and support for all resource families, regardless of their financial or social standing. Many resource families, particularly those from historically marginalized or low-income backgrounds, face obstacles in accessing the necessary resources to care for children who have experienced trauma. By offering accessible education and guidance, FAKCE helps eliminate these disparities, empowering resource families to provide quality care. This program creates a more inclusive child welfare system, where every resource family can succeed, and children in care benefit from stable, well-informed households. The program provides all families the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

The Trauma Informed Pre-Service (TIPS), provided under FAKCE, is a required 12-hour training program for caregivers seeking to become resource families, ensuring they are equipped to care for children who have experienced trauma. The training provides essential knowledge about the impact of trauma on children's behavior, emotions, and development, offering strategies for managing challenges and promoting healing. In Fiscal Year 2023-24, 377 newly approved resource families completed the TIPS training, including 167 families with multiple applicants, totaling 544 applicants. Over 35% of applicants identified as White or Caucasian (35.85%) and Hispanic or Latinx (35.29%), followed by Black or African American applicants at 11.76%, with smaller percentages across other racial and ethnic groups.

The FAKCE program uses a self-assessment tool, administered as both a pre- and post-survey, to evaluate participants' knowledge and awareness gained throughout the training sessions and to allow resource families an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the training and the trainer.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways and to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

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The County Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department gathers community feedback throughout the year through Quality Parenting Initiative meetings, Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board meetings, County customer experience surveys, and the assigned social worker. Community feedback is used to learn about the level of satisfaction with customer service, the resource family application process, and to identify areas for improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25 and estimated costs and revenue ranging from \$360,000 to \$560,000 in FY 2025-26 subject to the availability of funds. The funding sources are Social Services Administrative Revenues, allocated State General Funds for Complex Care Capacity Building, and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

This item was presented as an informational item to the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board at its regular meeting on October 25, 2024.

BACKGROUND

In 1984, California legislation established the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program and designated the California Community College Chancellor's (Chancellor's) Office as the agency to administer the program and make funding available to community colleges to provide education and training to potential and existing foster parents. Beginning January 1, 2017, State legislation implemented Resource Family Approval (RFA) as a new family-friendly and child-centered foster caregiver approval process that combines elements of the previous foster parent licensing, relative approval, and approvals for adoption and guardianship for one streamlined process for all prospective resource families. RFA emphasizes the importance of both pre-approval and post-approval training for all resource families. This includes foster parents, relative caregivers, adoptive families, guardians, and extended family members, whether or not they are biologically related to the child. A key pre-approval requirement within the RFA program is the Trauma-Informed Pre-Service (TIPS) training, a mandatory 12-hour program that equips caregivers with the tools and understanding necessary to support children who have experienced trauma, ensuring they can provide a safe and nurturing environment. The State requires that prospective resource families attend pre-approval training, annual training, and other related activities at the beginning of their foster parenting career and through the adoption process, enhancing the quality of care for children placed in their home.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (Grossmont) has been providing resource families in San Diego County with training and other related activities since 1986. The Foster and

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Kinship Care Education Program is a statewide program funded by the Chancellor's Office and provides state required trainings for resource parents. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) has enhanced support for resource families and foster placement stability by offering specialized trainings and classes, such as Kinship Adoption, Embracing Your Child's Heritage, and mentorship services. These efforts build on the foundation of funding for this program, which has expanded to include training for adoptive parents and has grown into the Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Care Education (FAKCE) program. The goal of FAKCE is to provide quality workshops, classes, and support opportunities that assist the resource families to be better informed and well prepared to meet the educational, behavioral, and developmental needs of children in foster care, and enhance the quality of care for the children placed in these homes. The FAKCE program also promotes foster/adoptive and social work collaboration by providing an element of support that assists in the retention and success of these important resources for children.

Since 1993, the County Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB), formerly Child Welfare Services, has contracted with Grossmont for the provision of the FAKCE program. FAKCE utilizes satisfaction surveys and comment cards at the end of each training session, to evaluate program effectiveness and program satisfaction. It also allows participants to provide feedback regarding the training and the trainer. In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the FAKCE program coordinated 110 Foster Care and Adoptive Parent Initial Trainings with over 80% of participants reporting an increase in their knowledge and awareness as a result of the trainings.

In April 2023, CFWB submitted a three-year plan for the Complex Care Capacity Building (CCCB) funds, distributed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). This plan, later approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 12, 2023 (10), aims to strengthen the care-delivery system to ensure that every child and youth has access to family-based caregivers. The proposal, which identified several gaps in the local continuum of care regarding placement and support services for placements, was developed with input from the Interagency Leadership Team that includes representatives from County Behavioral Health Services, Juvenile Court, San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego Regional Center, local tribes, Department of Rehabilitation, County Probation Department, and other key stakeholders.

Funds from the CCCB will enhance the current resource parent mentor program by expanding to include 10 trained resource families serving as peer mentors, available evenings and weekends, to provide short-term crisis interventions aimed at preventing foster care placement disruptions. Support will be offered in both English and Spanish, focusing on crisis-driven techniques. This community-based, culturally responsive, peer support program will strengthen connections within the resource parent community and build strong relationships with CFWB staff, serving families countywide.

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Justification for Single Source Procurement

Grossmont qualifies for a single source contract to provide the FAKCE program based on the following section of Board Policy A-87, Section 1D-3: The procurement is for services from a provider with unique knowledge, skill, or ability not available from other sources.

On September 18, 2024, Grossmont was selected by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to be the sole provider of the FAKCE Program in San Diego County and to utilize the allocated State funding from Proposition 98 for the program services. Proposition 98 mandates a minimum level of annual funding for K-12 public schools and community colleges based on a formula tied to state revenue, economic growth, and student enrollment. As the designated FAKCE provider in the region, Grossmont is the only entity able to leverage the Proposition 98 funding to provide additional foster and kinship education services to kinship caregivers and resource families, as required under RFA, and go beyond what the State requires under the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program by expanding services to adoptive parents.

The current contract with Grossmont, approved by the Board on February 11, 2020 (10), is set to expire on June 30, 2025. The contract funding pays for additional FAKCE trainings and specialty classes such as Kinship Adoption, Embracing Your Child's Heritage, and mentor services and supports, which is a significant benefit to resource families and the County as it works to support foster placement stability.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize the exception to competitive procurement for training programs for Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship families provided by Grossmont, in accordance with Policy A-87, Competitive Procurements, and to award a contract for up to one year and up to four option years and additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services or funding, subject to the availability of funds and subject to approval of the Agency Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, HHSA.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's action aligns with the County of San Diego 2024-2029 Strategic Plan initiatives of Community (Quality of Life) and Sustainability (Resiliency) as well as the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities.

Respectfully submitted,



FOR

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: January 28, 2025

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT

AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Transitional Housing Program (THP) is comprised of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) and the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD). Both programs improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system. Over the past two decades, the California legislature has made strides in addressing the transitional age youth housing crisis for those involved in the child welfare and probation systems. In 2001, California Assembly Bill 427 established the THP-Plus, which provides affordable housing and supportive services for aged out youth ages 18 to 24 years for up to 24 months as they transition out of foster care. Between 2001 and 2012, there have been numerous State laws, allowing for funding of THP that support youth in identifying and preventing homelessness. Most recently, in 2022, California Senate Bill 154 extended transitional housing services up to age 25 and provided 36 months of support for all youth involved.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize the application for and acceptance of funding for the THP, Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, and Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program, adopt a resolution authorizing application for and acceptance of allocation awards, and apply for future funding for transitional age youth housing.

Today's item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by enhancing the coordination of upstream prevention strategies and services between community resources and the child welfare system to ensure transitional age youth receive services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment. Additionally, this item aligns with the County Framework for Ending Homelessness and the Housing Blueprint, promoting prevention and housing stability through equitable access

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to safe, affordable housing for current and former foster youth, helping to address youth homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,545,738 in Transitional Housing Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to reduce youth homelessness and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
2. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$413,630 in Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to help youth secure and maintain housing, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
3. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,032,773 in Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to help meet increasing housing needs and cost of rent demands, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
4. Adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 6 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 3 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 4 OF THE THP - PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.
5. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for future funding, including grants, supplemental funding and other funding to support transitional housing for youth and support youth secure and maintain housing and avoid homelessness.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Transitional Housing Program (THP), inclusive of Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) and Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD), provides up to 36 cumulative months of subsidized housing for current and former foster youth ages 18-25 years. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, 389 youth were served under the THP and 75% maintained and exited to safe and sustainable housing. In any given month, there are approximately 329 unduplicated youth participating in the THP. The goal of the THP is for participants and subgroups within to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color, native Spanish speakers, and LGBTQ+ youth, to secure safe and stable housing by program graduation, and make

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progress towards life goals, including educational attainment or employment achievement, physical and mental well-being, and connections to community. The ethnicity breakdown for the 389 youth served under the THP in FY 2023-24 includes: 27% African American; 1.5% Asian; 18% Caucasian; 38.5% Hispanic; 0.5% Native American; 0.5% Other Ethnicities/Unknown; and 14% Bi or Multi-Racial.

CFWB partners with nonprofit entities to provide housing opportunities and services in the six County service regions to ensure youth in underserved communities have greater opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing. CFWB engages with program participants and providers to collect data and evaluate service outcomes to ensure positive outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood and help them maintain safe and stable housing. Participating youth complete surveys quarterly, which identify areas within the program that are both beneficial and need improvement. The surveys provide information on the effectiveness and satisfaction of the program service delivery to ensure equitable service delivery and programming. Recent data show that in FY 2023-24, approximately 83% of youth surveyed within all available THPs reported being satisfied with the program services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access by expanding the availability of affordable housing to transitional age youth. Investments in concrete supports, such as housing, reduces economic and personal hardships on youth and provides the supports needed for youth to build resilience, independence, and long-term skills, which will lead to a reduction in youth homelessness and recurrence of generational maltreatment, and associated costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation 1: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Transitional Housing Program Funds

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25, estimated costs and revenue of \$772,869 in FY 2025-26 and \$772,869 in FY 2026-27, for a total costs and revenue of \$1,545,738 from FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 for the Transitional Housing Program. The funding source is Transitional Housing Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 2: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Funds

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25, estimated costs and revenue of \$206,815 in FY 2025-26 and \$206,815 in FY 2026-27, for total costs and revenue of \$413,630 from FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 for the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program. The funding source is Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future

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operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 3: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Transitional Housing Program- Plus Housing Supplement Funds

Funds for this request are not included in the FY 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25 and estimated costs and revenue of \$1,032,773 in FY 2025-26 for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus. The funding source is the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

This item was presented as an informational item to the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board at its regular meeting on January 24, 2025.

BACKGROUND

In 2001, California Assembly Bill (AB) 427 was signed into law and established the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) to end homelessness for foster and juvenile justice youth. The program provided affordable housing and supportive services to former foster youth and out-of-home juvenile justice youth, ages 18 to 24 years for up to 24 months as they transition out of care. In 2010, AB 12 was signed into law and created California’s Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program, allowing eligible youth to remain in foster care until age 21. AB 12 also created the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD) to provide additional foster care placement options for non-minor dependents ages 18 to 21 years participating in EFC. In 2018, the Housing Navigators Program, now known as Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP), was created to provide housing navigator supports to help young adults ages 18 through 24 secure housing, with priority given to foster youth.

Additionally, in 2021, AB 153 and AB 164 implemented the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program (THPSUP) allocation, which significantly increased the housing assistance rate to meet increasing housing needs and cost of rent demands. In 2022, California Senate Bill (SB) 154 extended transitional housing services up to age 25 and provided 36 months of support for all youth involved, thus allowing youth access to the program for an additional year. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has demonstrated a commitment to preventing youth homelessness by approving numerous rounds of allocation funding for the Transitional Housing Program (THP).

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Recommendations #1 and #3: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Transitional Housing Program (THP) and Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) Housing Supplement Program (THPSUP) Funds

On June 27, 2019, Governor Newsom signed SB 80, which provides funding to help reduce homelessness among foster care youth. To date, there have been five rounds of THP funding made available to counties. On January 23, 2024 (3), the Board authorized the application for and acceptance of the fifth round of allocations in the amount of \$1,575,090 in THP funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and adopted a resolution.

This fifth round of THP funding continued and expanded resources to young adults in the program with a higher risk of housing disruption and homelessness to include youth who are pregnant and/or parenting; youth with mental and behavioral health needs; and youth involved or overcoming substance use. The resources include, but are not limited to, intensifying integrated coordination of prioritized services and linkages to community resources to address specific and complex needs by pooling the resources and allowing contractors to apply for additional funds per youth to meet their individual needs. This could include items, such as specialized therapies or treatments to support at risk youth maintain stable housing. In FY 2023-24, 389 youth were served under the THP and 75% maintained and exited to safe and sustainable housing over the course of the fiscal year. In October 2024, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) informed the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) that they would be receiving a sixth round of allocation of \$1,545,738 in THP funds for FY 2024-25.

Moreover, the THPSUP, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), makes supplemental funding available to up to 11 counties if the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in the county is one of the 11 most expensive in the state. San Diego County meets this criteria as a qualifying county to receive HCD supplemental funding. To date, there have been three rounds of allocations made available to counties.

Since 2022, CFWB has received three rounds of THPSUP funding, totaling \$3,113,115. In October 2024, CDSS informed CFWB they would be receiving a fourth round of \$1,032,773 in THPSUP funds for FY 2024-25. The fourth allocation of funding will allow for a rate at \$3,710.00 per youth, per month, prorated on a daily basis. As of September 30, 2024, 151 of the 230 available placements were occupied. Of the providers currently receiving the increased rate, there has been a 35% increase in the number of youth placed in safe and stable housing. Approximately 30 youth remain on the waitlist for housing, for reasons including, but not limited to, not following up with contractors or housing availability not aligning with work or school locations. Contractors routinely review the waitlist and actively reach out to youth to offer housing opportunities. It is estimated that more available housing assistance can be utilized with the increase in rate afforded by the THPSUP.

Today's actions request the Board authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,545,738 in THP and \$1,032,773 in THPSUP funding from the HCD, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2024-25 and to adopt a resolution to authorize the application for and acceptance of the County allocation award.

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Recommendation #2: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) Funds

On September 27, 2019, Governor Newsom signed SB 109 to help reduce homelessness among foster care youth. SB 109 provides \$5 million in funding to county child welfare agencies for the support of housing navigators to help young adults ages 18 to 24 secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. CFWB received the initial two rounds of allocations (FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22) under the Housing Navigators Program totaling \$425,130, which was renamed the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) in July 2022. Since 2022, CFWB has received two rounds of HNMP funding, totaling \$940,025. In October 2024, CFWB was informed by CDSS that they would be receiving a third allocation in HNMP funds in the amount of \$413,630 for FY 2024-25. The proposed total FY 2024-25 HNMP funding will continue to support housing navigator activities for youth who meet the funding age requirement (18 to 24 years old) in the various CFWB THPs. Housing navigator activities include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying and addressing any needs and/or barriers which may lead to potential disruption in housing;
- Providing support and resources to youth experiencing transition in housing or who are experiencing potential housing disruption to minimize risk of homelessness; and
- Assisting in connecting youth with services, resources, and supports to enable easier access to housing and promote housing stability.

Since the program’s inception in March 2021 through June 2024, housing navigation services have been provided to 139 youth. The program reported that youth are able to obtain and maintain housing for longer periods of time, learning skills to become self-sufficient, and are utilizing the support services offered through the program such as personalized case management, guidance in finding affordable housing, connections to education and employment opportunities, and training in independent living skills. These resources empower youth to build stability and transition smoothly into independent living.

Today’s actions request the Board to authorize the application for and acceptance of funding for the THP, Housing Navigation Maintenance Program, and Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program, adopt a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of allocation awards, and apply for future funding for transitional age youth housing. These actions also support the Housing Blueprint, a comprehensive policy document approved by the Board on August 27, 2024, that purposes to address the root causes of the housing crisis by promoting prevention and housing stability, ensuring equitable access to safe, affordable housing for current and former foster youth, and working to reduce youth homelessness.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the County of San Diego 2025-2030 Strategic Plan initiatives of Sustainability (Economy and Resiliency), Equity (Housing and Economic Opportunity), and Community (Engagement, Quality of Life, Communications, and Partnership) as well as the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This is accomplished by providing equitable opportunities for transitional age youth to receive services

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and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment, advance their goal of self-sufficiency, and prevent homelessness.

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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 6 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 3 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 4 OF THE THP - PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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DATE: February 11, 2025 and February 25, 2025

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL (2/11/25 First Reading; 2/25/25 Second Reading); APPROVAL OF BYLAWS; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) is advisory to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools in order to identify local child care and development needs and issues. The CCDPC is a local board that is required by California Welfare and Institutions Code section .

Today's action requires two steps. On February 11, 2025, Board action is requested to approve the introduction of an Ordinance amending provisions in Article XVI of the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to the CCDPC (first reading). If the Board takes the actions recommended for February 11, 2025, then on February 25, 2025, the Board is requested to consider and adopt the Ordinance, approve conforming amendments to the CCDPC By-Laws, appoint members to the CCDPC, and certify the 2025 membership composition.

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional Live Well San Diego vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by continuing services that assist County families with their child care needs and improving access to quality child care and early education programs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On February 11, 2025:

1. Approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

If, on February 11, 2025, the Board takes action as recommended in Item 1 above then, on February 25, 2025:

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
2. Approve confirming amendments to the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) By-Laws.
3. Appoint 6 new members to the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) to serve a two-year term to expire December 31, 2026.
4. Reappoint 6 members to the San Diego County CCDPC whose terms are ending on December 31, 2024 to serve another two-year term to expire December 31, 2026.
5. Approve the San Diego County CCDPC Membership Roster for 2025 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to certify the membership composition as required by the California Department of Social Services (Attachment E and F).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Council (CCDPC) membership list recommendations are made with a good faith effort to appoint members ensuring that the ethnic, racial and geographic composition of the CCDPC is reflective of the population of the county. The 2025 membership list will be comprised of: 19% Black or African American, 26% Hispanic or Latinx, 11% Asian or Pacific Islander, 41% white (non-Hispanic), 3% Native American or Alaskan Native. This demographic closely resembles the demographics of San Diego County (Attachment F).

CCDPC assesses the child care and child development needs of San Diego County children and develops a Child Care Plan to address those needs. The Child Care Plan provides recommendations gathered through community engagement solicited during CCDPC monthly meetings. Meeting times alternate between morning and evening to better accommodate working parents, child care providers and other community partners. Outreach is also conducted in the community by members of the CCDPC with emphasis on engaging areas of the community with the highest need and are conducted throughout the year to solicit new members.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access. This will be done by taking actions to provide building blocks to create a more equitable, accountable, accessible, and affordable child care system that meets San Diego

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County families' needs and pays the early learning and care workforce a fair and professional wage.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) reviewed and approved the new members and proposed membership roster, the amendments to the San Diego County CCDPC By-Laws and Ordinance article XVI at its October 28, 2024 meeting.

BACKGROUND

Recommendations: Adopt the Ordinance amending Article XVI of the County of San Diego Administrative Code relating to the San Diego Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC)

Pursuant to State legislation and previous Board action, the Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) provides overall planning for child care and development services in San Diego County. On June 18, 1991 (84), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established a Child Care Planning Council and delegated member appointment authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools.

Changes to CCDPC Ordinances and By-laws:

The proposed Ordinance regarding the reflects recent statutory changes such as replacing “child care” with Early Learning and Care (ELC) mixed delivery systems. An ELC mixed delivery system is a comprehensive approach to providing early childhood education and care services through a diverse set of providers and settings. This system integrates various types of early learning and care, public and private programs, for children from birth through age 12 into a cohesive network. The Ordinance will also update the definition of membership categories and proposes lowering the number of alternate members appointed from 35 to 20. The minimum number of regular meetings is proposed to decrease from six yearly to quarterly.

The CCDPC is governed by the provisions of the County Administrative Code and the CCDPC By-Laws as an advisory committee to the Board pursuant to the Board Policy A-74. Per Section E.6, amendments to the By-Laws and Ordinances requires Board approval. The proposed changes to the By-Laws are to bring them into alignment with the changes in the proposed Ordinance. The Changes proposed are:

A. Update primary goals to the following:

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1. Establish and regularly update local priorities for maintaining, expanding, and improving child care services in San Diego County.
 2. Develop a comprehensive county-wide child care plan that includes all children, following state guidelines.
 3. Review and evaluate legislation affecting child care.
 4. Assess the child care needs in San Diego and incorporate them into setting priorities and developing a local plan.
 5. Maximize local, state, federal, and private resources for both child care development and the local child care plan.
 6. Serve as an advisory and planning body to the County Board of Supervisors, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the State Departments of Education and Social Services on child care issues.
- B. The terms of officers, committee chairs, and voting members shall follow the calendar year, rather than the fiscal year.
- C. Regular meetings are to convene a minimum of four times annually rather than six times.
- D. The language within the by-laws shall replace "child care" with "Early Learning and Care (ELC)" and "Mixed Delivery System" to better reflect the diverse and cohesive network of the early learning and care system.

Recommendations: Approve the routine annual appointments and reappointments to the San Diego CCDPC and approve the San Diego County CCDPC Membership Roster for 2025.

On March 29, 1994 (57), per the adoption of Ordinance No. 8381, the Board renamed the Child Care Planning Council, establishing the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (Council). The mission of the San Diego County CCDPC is to assess the child care needs of families in San Diego County, including subsidized and unsubsidized care, and to provide a public forum to facilitate the coordination of efforts to address those needs. On September 26, 2017 (5), the Board adopted Ordinance No. 10494 amending Article XVI of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances and designated the Board and County Superintendent of Schools as the appointing authorities for membership for the San Diego County CCDPC.

On July 26, 2021, pursuant to Assembly Bill 131, the statutes for the Local Planning Councils were moved from Education Code Section 8499.3, to the Welfare and Institutions Code Chapter 31 10480 – 10487. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10485(b) the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools shall select the members of the local planning council, which shall be comprised of consumers (20%), child care providers (20%), public agency representatives (20%), community representatives (20%), and discretionary members (20%).

On February 27, 2024 (4), the Board approved the 2024 appointment of the CCDPC members and the 2024 Certification of CCDPC Membership. CCDPC members continue to participate in

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various committees, evaluate local child care priorities, and review pending legislation and the proposed Governors’ Budget to make recommendations to the Board and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools.

Today’s actions request the Board approve the 2025 appointment of the CCDPC members and the 2025 Certification of CCDPC Membership (Attachment E and F).

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the Equity (Economic Opportunity) and Community (Quality of Life) initiatives in the County of San Diego’s 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, as well as the regional Live Well San Diego vision by providing opportunities for residents to be proactive and engaged in addressing the child care needs of children and families in San Diego County, enhancing child care resources and services to meet those needs, and improving access to quality early education and child care programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Attachment A – CCDPC Ordinance Article XVI – tracked changes version
- Attachment B – CCDPC Ordinance Article XVI – clean version
- Attachment C – CCDPC By-Laws – tracked changes version
- Attachment D – CCDPC By-Laws – clean version
- Attachment E – 2025 Certification of CCDPC Membership
- Attachment F – 2025 CCDPC Membership Demographic



System Improvement Plan 2022-2027

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The Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR)



The Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Overall Goals



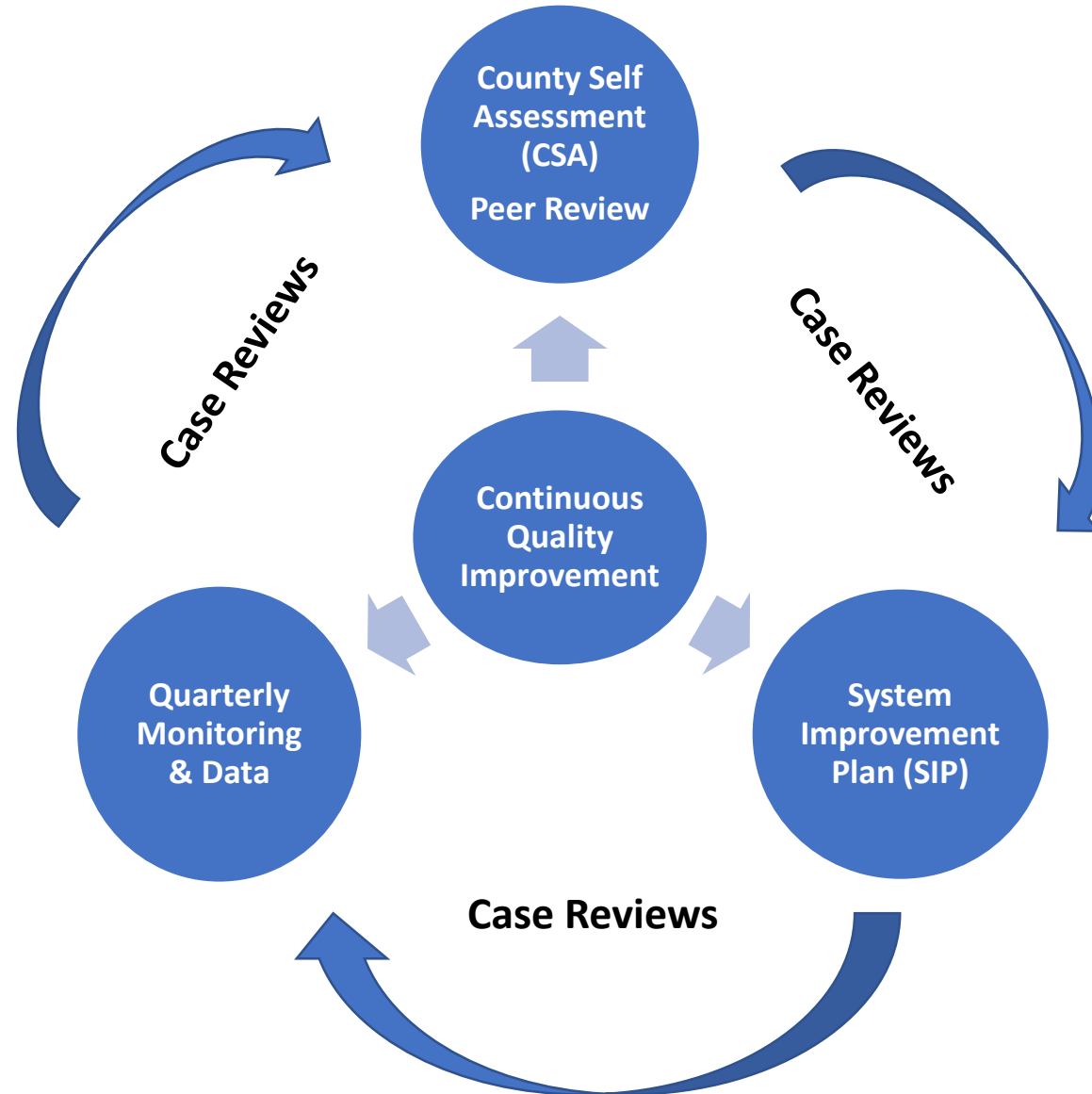
- To ensure **conformity with legislation** (Social Security Act's Title IV-B and IV-E child welfare requirements)
- **Determine what is happening to children and families** who have contact with the child welfare and/or probation systems
- Support states (in CA, counties) to enhance their capacity to **improve outcomes and systems** for children and families

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)



Identify Strengths & Areas Needing Improvement

Stakeholder Feedback



State Technical Assistance

Strategies for Improvement



San Diego County's Areas Of Focus



Outcome Area:

P1- Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care

- Permanence includes reunification, adoption, or guardianship (not just reunification)

Systemic Factor:

Service array and resource development

- Refers to an array of services that assess the strengths and needs of children and families and determine other service needs, address the needs of families in addition to individual children in order to create a safe home environment, enable children to remain safely with their parents when reasonable, and help children in foster and adoptive placements achieve permanency

SIP Strategies and Action Steps



Improve Parent-Child Interactions

- Visitation to Permanency Mappings (formerly Reunification Rescuers) to:
 - Map progress in visitation
 - Problem solve barriers
 - Discuss strategies to improve parent-child interactions
- Expand use of PCIT
- Review barriers to transportation for visitation quarterly to identify solutions in order to reduce waitlists

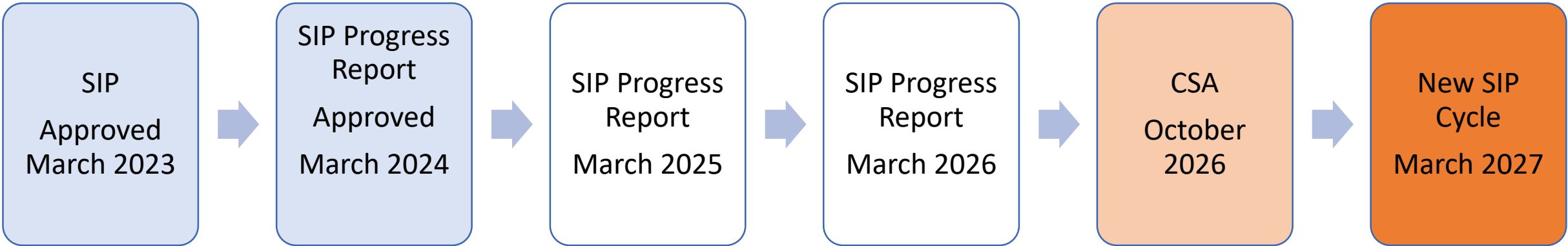
Strengthen Social Work Engagement Practice

- Increase utilization of SOP coaching and training
- Use SDM Reunification Assessment tool and integration of SOP for engagement with parents
- Training to support:
 - Engagement with families
 - Rapport and relationship building with children
- Quality case note documentation

Increase Prevention Services

- Child and Family Well-being Department
- Prevention Hub
- Increase availability and access of mental health, substance use, parenting education and kinship navigation services
- Community Response Guide

Where are we at now?





QUESTIONS?