

Monthly Meeting Highlights



Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

JUNE 2011

The Children & Families Commission of Orange County's regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. The following is a summary of the Commission actions.

New Funding Agreements Implement Budget Reductions

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County approved the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget on May 4, 2011 that assumes a \$51.4 million payment to the State of California by June 30, 2012. The budget complies with AB 99 that requires the redirection of local Proposition 10 funding, and required significant reductions in currently funded health and early learning programs. At the June meeting, the Commission approved multiple funding actions that are consistent with the approved budget for programs and program management in the Commission's four goal areas: Healthy Children, Early Learning, Strong Families and Capacity Building.

FY 2011/2012 Business Plan Approved

Consistent with the adopted Strategic Plan, the Commission annually approves an operating plan which lays out the key strategies and activities that will be implemented during the fiscal year to further the Commission's goals. The FY 2011/12 budget assumes an almost 24 percent cut in administrative and management costs from the FY 2010/11 budget – requiring significant change to the current operating model. Other implementing actions in the approved business plan included authorization of funding contributions for cost sharing programs to promote the efficient use of resources among Southern California Commissions, and the review of annual reporting and evaluation requirements for Proposition 10 revenues. Additionally the plan includes the Strategic Communications Work Plan. In related actions, the Contract Management Policy was revised to reflect the new operating structure, and the Fund Balance Policy was amended to ensure compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54.

Essentials for Young Lives Donation Drive Collects Over 245,000 Items

In partnership with HomeAid Orange County, the Commission sponsored a countywide donation drive to collect essential items for homeless families with children. These "essential" items include diapers, baby wipes, baby food, and hygiene products. This year, lead by Honorary Chair Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, the week-long drive collected over 245,000 items including over 80,000 diapers and 150,000 baby wipes – a value of over \$200,000. Donations were delivered directly to 16 Orange County shelter facilities supported by HomeAid and the Commission.

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