

# Monthly Meeting Highlights



Children & Families  
Commission of Orange County

**OCTOBER 2011**

*The Children & Families Commission of Orange County's regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. The following is a summary of the Commission actions.*

## **Grant Renewals Awarded for Homeless Prevention Programs**

The Commission took action to fund programs that provide direct services to homeless families in Orange County that were scheduled to end at the end of the year. A renewal process was initiated in August that included a performance review of the current scope of work for each contract. In addition, a working group of Commissioners and staff reviewed the proposed renewals. Under the Commission's homeless prevention funding there are three categories of services: Transitional Shelter, Motel Outreach Services, and Emergency Shelter. Programs that received funding include: Casa Theresa, Precious Life Shelter, Families Forward, Collette's Children's Home, Illumination Foundation, VNA Foundation, Orange County Rescue Mission/Strong Beginnings, Mercy House/Family Redirection Program and the Emergency Shelter Funding Partnership. Funds were also set-aside for future actions by the Commission for specialized programs and capital projects.

## **Commission Reviews Future Financial Strategies**

As directed by the Commission in May, with the approval of the FY 11/12 budget, the Commission received a report that provides an overview of the FY 10/11 year-end financials and the related implications for the Long Term Financial Plan. The Commission received a report on a proposed transition to a three-year budget planning process as well as proposed framework and plan for the impact of the legal resolution of AB 99. The Commission had a discussion about the impact of implementing a three-year budget as well as the best approach to allocating funds currently diverted by AB 99. As a result, the Commission directed staff to return in November with policy level strategies to address future funding allocations and a strategic planning process for the coming months.

## **Revised Appointment Process Approved for Commission**

The Orange County Board of Supervisors approved a revised ordinance for the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on October 4, 2011. The proposal was presented by Board of Supervisors Chairman, Bill Campbell. Earlier this year, the Board reappointed the six "At-Large Members" of the Commission Board to staggered one and two year appointments. At that time, the Chairman committed to return to the Board with proposed revisions to the current ordinance to restructure this nomination and appointment process. The revised process will rotate nominations to two Supervisors each year with each Supervisorial District assigned a specific category for nomination, either Health or Education. The third nomination would be from the incumbent Supervisor serving on the Commission.

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