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Date 6/12/91

Jimmy,

Enclosed is a copy of the concerns regarding the Child Care Planning Council that I sent to Gerlinde.

If you have any questions or I can provide more information please call me at 427-4411.

I really appreciate your attending our meeting regarding the Needs Assessment for the Block Grant Funding. I know how busy you are and was very impressed that you were willing to come to Child Care Resource Service to meet with our group.

Thanks again,

Charlene

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June 11, 1991

To: Gerlinde Topzand
San Diego County Child Care Coordinator

From: Charlene Tressler, Chair
Commission on Children and Youth
Child Care and Development Committee

Re: Board Letter Dated June 11, 1991

The Commission on Children and Youth Child Care and Development Committee has the following concerns regarding the Board Letter Dated June 11, 1991.

The Committee supports the concept of a Child Care Planning Council but opposes the proposed Council composition as it is described in the Board Letter.

In The Commission on Children and Youth Position Paper regarding the Federal Block Grant Funding, the Commission recommended that the Child Care and Development Committee be assigned the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and priorities for block grant funding.

The Child Care and Development Committee is an existing established body that is competently able to do the work required of the Council. The Committee is an action oriented group that is broad based and composed of a comprehensive representation of child care and development expertise. Representation is County wide and each district is well represented within the Committee. The Committee would welcome expansion of the Committee membership to meet any additional criteria for composition.

Because of the short time line, the lack of clear direction from the state and the delay in the implementation of the Board letter regarding the establishment of the Child Care Planning Council, the Committee has assumed a leadership role and has begun work on the needs assessment and priority development as required by the block grant funding. We are involving all regions of the County and will submit the completed plan to the Board of Supervisors.

When there already exists a body that can fulfill the purpose and intent of the proposed new council, why duplicate and fragment the efforts? The Child Care and Development Committee are already doing the work that the Board envisions for the council. If the Board of Supervisors feels that membership should be expanded, it would be very simple to add to the committee.

In addition to our concern over the Council composition, the Committee was concerned that in the most recent Board Letter The Committee was deleted from any official role in the planning process. The previous Board Letter recommended that the Committee be a resource advisory body to the Council. There is no mention of this role within the Board Letter dated June 11, 1991.

The Child Care and Development Committee is well prepared to work in a diligent and collaborative manner to ensure that the Block Grant revenue is maximized and utilized to best meet the needs of San Diego County children and families.

Please contact me at 427-4411 if you have any further questions regarding the above concerns.

CC: Supervisors
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