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TO: Norman W. Hickey
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AGENDA #57, JUNE 11, 1991
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

As I indicated yesterday when we discussed continuing the decision on the above captioned item until June 18th, I have a number of specific recommendations for additions to be made to the Board's resolution which will establish a Child Care Planning Council, and for changes to the Chief Administrative Officer's third and fourth recommendation for direction from the Board.

CHANGES TO THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Planning Council has a formidable task to accomplish in a short period of time. Therefore, when it is convened to begin its work, representatives from virtually all entities in San Diego County which have information and expertise must be available to help. I recommend that the following additions to the membership of the Council be made:

1. ADD THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD CARE OMBUDSMAN AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER;

2. STRENGTHEN THE REPRESENTATION FROM BUSINESSES AND LABOR, USING CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL;

3. ENSURE REPRESENTATION FROM "FOR PROFIT" CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

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SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS IN THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNCIL

Because the Resolution will be one of the first documents read by the Council's Members to determine the Board's expectations, I recommend that the following additions be made to the document:

1. COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY CHILD CARE PRIORITIES FOR USE OF BOTH BLOCK GRANT AND HEALTH AND WELFARE CHILD CARE REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION BY AUGUST DATE;

2. COUNCIL TO ALSO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE REGARDING WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE;

3. COUNCIL TO ENSURE BROAD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INPUT INTO THEIR WORK.

DISCUSSION IN THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DURATION OF PLANNING COUNCIL

San Diego County is on the threshold of what we all believe will be the greatest opportunity for children in this decade. While what is beyond the threshold - in terms of amount of revenue which will be made available, how it will be distributed, who will be the lead agency, priority populations, specific agency responsibilities, and other related issues - is not now known, we do know that two jobs need to be done in a short period of time: 1) identify priorities and child care needs for San Diego County and 2) make recommendations about what activities are needed to improve the quality of child care. The Board is appointing Members to the Council who collectively can get these jobs done.

When answers to the above questions become available, it will be necessary for us to reexamine the role of the Child Care Planning Council and the membership which is needed for them to function in this new role. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be amended to ask the Planning Council to:

> MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE ROLE AND MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS ARE PROMULGATED AND MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CHILD CARE PROGRAMS WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE NEW FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT AND VOUCHER REVENUE.

CHANGE TO BOARD DIRECTION TO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

I recommend that the direction of the Board of Supervisors to the Chief Administrative Officer be amended to reflect the following:

1. APPOINT THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE COUNCIL

2. TRANSMIT THE COUNCIL'S REPORTS REGARDING CHILD CARE PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CHILD CARE TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR JOINT SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

3. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL AND OTHER CHILDREN'S ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PROVIDE REPORT TO BOARD IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE ROLES, MEMBERSHIPS, AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER CHILDREN'S ADVISORY AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SHOULD "OPT IN" TO THE SB 997 PROGRAM WHERE WE CAN GET WAIVERS FROM CATEGORICAL REVENUE TO BETTER SERVE CHILDREN.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like further information or clarification concerning these recommendations, please contact Jan Thomas in my downtown office.

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cc: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
CLERK TO THE BOARD