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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Norman W. Hickey
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL AND APPLICATION FORM

On June 18, 1991, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (copy attached) establishing a County Child Care Planning Council. Although action on appointments to the Council is conditional upon approval of a comparable resolution by the San Diego County Board of Education on July 10, 1991, persons interested in serving on the Council are asked to submit applications now. The purpose of the Council is to develop a local child care plan, designating priorities for the expansion of child care programs for children of families eligible under the Federal Block Grant Act. The State will consider the local plan in its designation of priorities for the Child Care Block Grant Funds.

Enclosed is a copy of a Child Care Planning Council application. **Those interested in serving as a representative on the Council are asked to complete the application form and return it no later than noon, Thursday, July 11, 1991.** Child Care Planning Council representatives shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer and the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the conditions specified in the resolution.

Due to the short timeframe for meeting the first year State timeline, a tentative meeting schedule and planning process has been developed by staff. It is anticipated that the Council will meet at least three times over a three-week period during July 15 through August 1, 1991 (Tentative meeting dates are being planned for Friday, July 19; Friday July 26; and Thursday, August 1, 1991 at 8:00 a.m.). Meetings could require an estimated two hours or more, and an additional two hours at the second meeting to accommodate a Public Hearing to receive public testimony on the proposed child care plan.

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In addition to the resolution, a background fact sheet is included to provide further information on the Council and the basic child care plan elements. Thank you for your continued interest in child care and development in the County. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Chief Administrative Officer June Komar at 531-6288 or San Diego County Child Care Coordinator Gerlinde Topzand at 531-4866.

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Enclosures

BACKGROUND AND CHILD CARE PLANNING FACT SHEET

Background:

On April 23, 1991, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- Return to the Board on May 21, 1991 with a plan for the Board's consideration to establish a Regional Child Care and Development Planning Council.

On May 21, 1991, the Board of Supervisors agenda included a report from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending the establishment of a 43-member Child Care Planning Council. The CAO recommended this item be continued for discussion to the next Board meeting. The discussion was held over for several weeks. In the interim, another Board letter was drafted and presented at the June 11, 1991 Board meeting, with action recommended on the items for June 18, 1991.

On June 18, 1991, the Board of Supervisors adopted the resolution establishing the 26-member Child Care Planning Council. The County Board of Education will also be asked to take similar action at their July 10 meeting.

Fact Sheet:

- **San Diego County (estimated dollars)**

  $4.5 million for direct services
  $1.5 million for increasing the coordination and quality of affordable child care

- **Federal funds are to supplement, not supplant, existing Federal, State and local government funding**

- **Function of Planning Council**

  Designate priorities for the expansion of child care programs for children of families eligible under the Federal Block Grant legislation.

- **Estimate of Number of Children Serviced**

  One million dollars equals about 200 children (fully subsidized child care spaces).

- **Ages of Children Serviced**

  Special Needs - birth through age eighteen
  Infant through School Age - birth through age twelve

- **Parental Choice**

  States must offer eligible parents certificates to help pay for child care of their choice. States also may give providers grants or contracts to offer subsidized care. Working parents are eligible for assistance if their children are younger than age 13 and their family income is less than 75 percent of the state median income.

- **Review of Supply and Demand of Existing Data**

  Population data by ethnic group
  Incidence of births to women under 19 years
  Child protective service referrals
  Unfunded vacancies in subsidized programs by age
  Special needs under 19 years
  Licensed capacity
  Referrals for care by age
  Data on amount of care needed (hours per day, days per week)

- **Identification of Priorities for Services**

  Highest priority (for assistance) to geographic areas within the State that are eligible to receive grants under Chapter 1, Section 1006 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and shall then give priority to (1) any other areas with concentrations of poverty; and (2) any areas with very high or very low population densities.

- **Identify and Analyze**

  Present demand by age
  Income groups
  Special needs (including Child Protective Services)
  Cultural, ethnic and linguistic background
  Services available
  Licensed exempt
  Transitional Child Care
  GAIN Child Care
  Head Start
  The Job Training Partnership Act
  Related to Block Grant eligibility criteria
  Quality recommendation from 5% to 25% of allocation