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TO: Supervisor George F. Bailey
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FROM: Norman W. Hickey
Chief Administrative Officer

AGENDA #57, JUNE 11, 1991, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

This is in response to your June 12, 1991 memo containing specific recommendations with respect to the Board of Supervisors resolution which will establish a Child Care Planning Council and the Chief Administrative Officer's third and fourth recommendation for direction from the Board. A response has been prepared to each of your recommendations, following the original memo format.

CHANGES TO THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL

You recommended the following:

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.

Response: We agree that the Planning Council has a formidable task. In developing the proposed Council composition, this fact was considered along with the need to balance the representative child care expertise with a sizable Council membership. The additional membership you recommend is consistent with the preliminary State guidelines.

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If you wish to propose these additions, there are two ways this can be accomplished: 1) By your amendment to the CAO recommendation at the June 18 meeting; 2) Direct that these be considered as part of the review of the Council composition for November 1, after the County has had one round of experience with this planning process and the permanent regulations have been promulgated (CAO Recommendation #4).

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS IN THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNCIL

You recommended the following:

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;

Response: The proposed resolution on page 1, #3 states, "The function of the Child Care Planning Council shall be the designation of priorities for the expansion of child care programs for children of families eligible under the Federal Block Grant Act and any other local Planning Council responsibilities as specified in this Federal legislation and State implementing regulations and guidelines." Specification of priorities by geographic region is included in preliminary State guidelines and will be included in the final State guidelines. It is, therefore, covered by the CAO proposed language. In preparing the resolution, the more general language was used so that all the specifics of both the State and federal regulations would be addressed.

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

Response: Given the extremely tight timeline for the submittal of the plan to the State, the Council's work must focus on plan requirement through the end of August. In the preliminary guidelines, quality is a component of the required plan, and will be addressed accordingly. If quality of child care concerns are not addressed to the extent desired, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct the CAO to complete such additional work with the Council as part of its review in November.

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

Response: We agree that public participation is key to this planning process. The final State instructions may specify some particular form of public participation. Even without State direction, it is our intent to provide for public participation and input as part of the planning process. CAO Recommendation #2 specifies this. The nature of the Council structure will naturally generate much of this activity as well. If you would like to provide specific additional direction, it would be appropriate to include that during the Board discussion of this item on June 18.

DISCUSSION IN THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DURATION OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL

You recommended the following:

- 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.

Response: Your recommendation is one of the primary reasons for the review and evaluation contained in CAO Recommendation #4. If you would like to add this specific language, it would of course be appropriate. In either event, it will be part of staff review and report to the Board.

CHANGE TO BOARD DIRECTION TO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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.

Response: After considering the CAO responses in this memorandum, you may wish to re-evaluate which of these further instructions you would like to direct to the CAO. As always, the Board directions will be implemented.

As you are aware, we do expect additional discussion from the public on this item. Copies of the June 11, 1991 Board letter concerning the establishment of a Child Care Planning Council are being distributed to the interested community. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Chief Administrative Officer June Komar at X6288.

Respectfully,

NORMAN W. HICKEY

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Attachment

cc: Members of the Board
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

GEORGE F. BAILEY
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 12, 1991

TO: Norman W. Hickey
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: George F. Bailey
Second District Supervisor

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;

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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;

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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