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Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

**Agenda Item No. 9
April 2, 2008 Meeting**

DATE: April 2, 2008
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: **Public Hearing: California Children and Families Commission
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006-07**

SUMMARY

The Children and Families Act of 1998 requires the State Children and Families Commission of California (First 5 California) to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by January 31 of each year, that includes a comprehensive review of its progress, and a review and summary of the fifty-eight County Commissions. In turn, each County Commission is required to conduct a public hearing on the State Commission's Annual Report.

Fiscal Year 2006-07 Annual Report

The State Commission's Annual Report reviews and summarizes the strategic goals, funding, services, and programs of First 5 California for FY 2006-07. The major program areas include the School Readiness Program and Special Needs Project; both matching fund programs through which the Orange County Commission participates. The Annual Report also includes a consolidated summary of County Commission programs related to Family Functioning, Child Development, and Child Health along with a synopsis for each County Commission. The First 5 California FY 2006-07 Annual Report (Attachment 3), and the Orange County Commission Profile (Attachment 2) are presented with this item. The complete Annual Report is available on the California Children and Families Commission website at www.ccfc.ca.gov.

New Statewide Evaluation and Annual Report Framework

Through the joint efforts of the State and County Commissions, a new statewide evaluation framework was developed and approved by the State Commission in July 2005. The new evaluation framework was developed to support the evaluation work of local and jointly funded state partnership programs, and to improve statewide outcomes reporting. The new streamlined annual report format was designed consistent with the fiscal management guidelines developed with the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA), and has an increased emphasis on leveraging local evaluation reports to reflect County Commission efforts.

The FY 2006-07 Annual Report is the first state annual report prepared under the new statewide evaluation framework. To further implement the new statewide evaluation framework, First 5 California, the First 5 Association of California, and local Commissions have been developing collateral materials that focus on outcomes achieved. Examples of Orange County's outcomes achieved are included in Attachment 1.

Public Hearing Notice – In accordance with state law, a public hearing notice was placed in the Orange County Register newspaper on March 26, 2008.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY

This agenda item does not include a funding request.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing.
2. Receive First 5 California FY 2006-07 Annual Report and collateral information.
3. Provide direction to Commission staff regarding any follow-up action.

Attachments:

1. Examples of Outcomes Achieved by Orange County Commission, FY 2007-08
2. Orange County Commission Profile, FY 2006-07
3. First 5 California Annual Report, FY 2006-07

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Examples of Outcomes Achieved, FY 2006/07

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County is addressing critical needs of children from birth to five through:

Program Objective	Outcome Achieved
Expand access to pediatric care and increase supply of pediatric specialists.	After participating in Commission-funded programs, more children had a regular medical home (79% to 99%), had health insurance (86% to 97%), and had appropriate immunizations for their age (81% to 91%).
Provide basic oral health services through screening and prevention, treatment, and parent and child education.	From 2003 to 2006, the percentage of families with a dental home increased from 56% to 73%.
Attack the achievement gap by leveraging funds to enhance quality of existing programs and increase literacy (and pre-literacy) activities.	<p>State School Readiness programs were awarded \$6.7 million in AB 172 funds to support the expansion of pre-kindergarten and family literacy programs.</p> <p>Local School Readiness Coordinators have been successful in leveraging a combined total of \$39,135,875 since 2000 to expand school-based English education programs. Almost three-fourths of these funds came from district sources.</p>
Provide early developmental screening and treatment by identifying children whose needs would otherwise not be identified until school entry and providing early intervention (or linking to existing services).	Among 761 children screened for developmental milestones through the Family Support Network/LEAPS program, 519 (68%) were identified with special needs or required specialized services and were referred to specialized speech and language, medical, mental, dental, and other services.
Address the obesity epidemic through increasing rates of breastfeeding.	Orange County infants who received some breast milk increase from 77.4% in 1996 to 84.6% in 2005. <i>Note: outcome provided is county-wide rate and not attributable to a specific program. The rate for exclusive breastfeeding is lower; 29%. A breastfeeding outcome measurement has been developed for Commission funded programs and is proposed to be implemented effective July 2008.</i>
Ensure families have access to basic safety net services, particularly for families most at-risk.	<p>Among high-risk families in the Bridges for Newborns program, overall psychosocial risk as measured by the Bridges Screening Tool fell by 10 points on average, a decline of approximately 20%.</p> <p>After participation in the parenting classes, the percentage of parents rated as having satisfactory or excellent parenting skills more than doubled - from 25% at program entry to 67% at program completion.</p>
Leveraging funds and improving systems serving families and children	<p>72 AmeriCorps / AmeriCorps VISTA members raised \$316,069 in funding and in-kind donations.</p> <p>Eligible grantees leveraged \$1,220,651 in MAA/TCM revenue, Commission leveraged \$1,681,804.</p>