



SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 4/7/2020

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): SCOE & Human Services

Staff Name and Phone Number: Susy Marron, 707-524-2639; Karen Fies, 707-565-6990

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

2019 Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Report

Recommended Action:

Accept and approve the 2019 Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Report.

Executive Summary:

The mission of the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County is to convene and inspire the community through collaboration, leadership, and advocacy to promote and plan for quality child care and development services for the benefit of all children (primarily birth to 12), their families, and Sonoma County.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Report as reviewed and approved by the CCPC, and approve the report for submission to the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division.

Discussion:

The Child Care Planning Council (CCPC) was originally established in 1992 to meet the requirements mandated by the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 2141, which created local child care and development planning councils to identify local priorities for child care and state preschool expansion funds. The passage of AB 1542, which established the CalWORKs program, also required the County Superintendent and the Board of Supervisors to designate a local child care planning council to establish priorities for state-funded child care and development services and to develop a comprehensive countywide plan for child care. It is this bill that connects CalWORKs, and the Sonoma County Human Services Department, to the CCPC. On September 29, 1998, the County Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors designated the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County, which is staffed by the Sonoma County Office of Education. The Department of Education requires local child care planning councils to do a county-wide assessment of local child care needs at least every five years. The CCPC is required to submit the needs assessment to the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools for approval before submitting it to the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division. The 2019 Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Report has been reviewed and approved by the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools.

The 2019 Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Report examines data in eleven local planning areas and includes the following state-required data:

- Demographic data on children and their families

- Child care supply by type, age, and location
- Child care demand by type, age, and location
- Children by race, ethnicity, and language spoken
- Children with special needs and in special education programs
- Children receiving Child Protection Services and families receiving preservation or maintenance services
- Children receiving public assistance
- Household and family income and measures of self-sufficiency
- Children waiting for subsidized child care
- Children in Head Start, State Preschool Programs and other subsidy programs
- Costs (fees) of child care by type and age
- Children in Migrant Education Programs

Summary of Findings:

Despite a decrease in the population of children in the last five years, there is still a shortage in the number of child care spaces needed to support the workforce in Sonoma County. Particularly for infants and school-age children. Findings also show that there continues to be a significant shortage of subsidized child care for eligible children in the county. This creates an access barrier for the children and families that need high quality care the most. According to this study, about 10% of the children under the age of 12 live below the Federal Poverty Level. This represents 6,997 children.

Prior Board Actions:

December 2019: Reappointed members of the CCPC and requested authorization for the Director of Human Services to sign the required certification.

July 2019: Appointed Gina Fortino Dickson to the CCPC for a two-year term beginning July 9, 2019, through December 31, 2020.

December 2018: Appointed/reappointed members of the CCPC and requested authorization for the Director of Human Services to sign the required certification.

November 2018: Appointed Stella Gonzalez to the CCPC for a two-year term beginning November 13, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

June 2018: Appointed Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh to the CCPC.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			

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Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

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Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None