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STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: MICHELE BLAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION REVISION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1653

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee that the Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors to amend Section 75-4 of Ordinance No. 1653, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 1572, 1307 and 1276, relating to membership.

BACKGROUND: The language of the Sutter County ordinance pertaining to membership of the Children and Families Commission (Ord. 1653, 75-004, page 204) is as follows:

The commission shall consist of nine (9) members which shall include: 1) a member of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors who shall be the Chairperson of the Commission; 2) the Director of the Sutter County Health and Human Services Department; 3) the Chief Probation Officer for Sutter County; 4) the Superintendent of the Yuba City Unified School District; 5) the Local Planning Council Coordinator of Child Care Planning Council of Yuba and Sutter Counties; 6) the Community Services Director for Yuba City; 7) the Superintendent of the Live Oak Unified School District; 8) the Assistant Superintendent for the Sutter County Special Education Local Area Plan (SELPA); and 9) an at-large member appointed by the Board of Supervisors from among:

(A) The Sutter County Health Officer; or

(B) Persons responsible for the management of the following county functions:

- (1) Children's services;
- (2) Public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services;
- (3) Recipients of project services included in the county Children and Families Strategic Plan;
- (4) Educators specializing in early childhood development;
- (5) Representatives of local child care resources or referral agencies or local child care coordinating groups;
- (6) Representatives of local organizations for prevention or early intervention for families at risk;
- (7) Representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development;

- (8) Representatives of local school districts; or
- (9) Representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

Seat #6, the Community Services Director for Yuba City is unable to fulfill Commission member duties. To resolve the member seat position, the Commission formed an Ad Hoc committee to consider member positions in an effort to reassess and strengthen representation of all member seats.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: It is proposed that the Sutter County Board of Supervisors amend Section 75-4 of Ordinance Nos. 1276, 1307, 1572 and 1653 regarding membership by striking the phrase "**the Community Services Director for Yuba City**" and replace with "**a member of the City of Yuba City Council**"

The proposed nine Commissioner Membership structure, if approved by the Board of Supervisors, would be the following:

1. Sutter County Board of Supervisor
2. Sutter County Director of Human Services
3. Sutter County Chief Probation Officer
4. Yuba City Unified School District Superintendent
5. Local Planning Council Coordinator of Child Care Planning Council of Yuba and Sutter Counties
6. City of Yuba City Council Member
7. Live Oak Unified School District Superintendent
8. Sutter County Special Education Local Area Plan (SELPA) Assistant Superintendent
9. 3-year termed position

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: None

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: It is requested that the full Commission recommend to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors to amend the ordinance as described herein.