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To: David Twa, Contra Costa County Administrator
From: Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Director
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I. Good News Update/Accomplishments:

- The California Department of Community Services and Development granted a one-time waiver to the Health & Safety expenditure limit of the Bureau's Department of Energy (DOE) contract #09C-1756 waiving repayment of the \$89,925 in excess Health and Safety expenditures reported in the financial closeout of this contract.

II. Status Updates:

a. Caseloads, workload (all programs)

- Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment for January is reported as 100%.
- As a result of CSB's ongoing collaboration with Elks Vision program, in 2012, 946 children received free on-site vision screenings and follow up support including exams and eye glasses as needed.
- On January 11, 2013, CSB received conditional approval by California Department of Education-Child Development Division to utilize the CLOUDS attendance management system which includes electronic signature. CSB will be the first childcare agency in the State to use such a system.
- Through a new collaboration, California State University, East Bay nursing students earning their Bachelor of Arts degree work closely with CSB to develop health related training modules for hands-on presentations with children, parents and staff for during Home-Based Socialization and at parent meetings.

b. Staffing:

- N/A

c. Legal/lawsuits

- N/A

d. Union Issues

- In partnership with County Counsel and Local One, CSB settled with the employee who left a child unattended in August which led to a deficiency in our program. She was allowed to resign with the understanding that she will not attempt any future employment with CSB.
- One grievance pending – the Nutrition Worker hours reduction is currently at Step 4





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- III. **Hot Topics/Concerns/Issues** (short bullet points with any additional discussion, Q&A's as needed):
- CSB continues to be diligent about cutting costs as we continue to recover from a \$5 million reduction since 2009/10.
 - CSB is still awaiting word on the results of Head Start and Early Head Start Recompensation and will expect to hear the outcome this spring.
- IV. **Emerging Issues/New Challenges:**
- We are hearing unofficially that the idea of restructuring child care (consolidating center based general child care and CalWORKS under county jurisdiction) is still on the Governor's agenda and might be folded in with Health Care Reform and Medi-Cal Expansion.

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