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I. Good News Update/Accomplishments:

- The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant is in the start-up phase with recruitment of Family Child Care homes underway in partnership with the Contra Costa Child Care Council. The first enrollments are anticipated to take place in June, with full enrollment slated for September. Federal officials will be conducting site visits as the program is up and running.
- CSB is excited to roll-out the Child Safety and Location RFID System to all centers county-wide. Until this point, GMIII, center in Richmond, has been the only center fully utilizing it since 2010. Funding through the county's Venture Capital Grant allows for full utilization at all preschool centers. A key highlight with this system is the immediate notification if a child is ever without an adult.
- CSB partnered with the Child Health and Disability Prevention program (CHDP) to provide audiometric (hearing) screening training and certification for CSB staff and nursing staff from local providers to ensure complete physical exams per the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule. Vision Screening Certification will take place in June.
- Community Services staff along with Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start (HS) parents celebrated the teaching staff during Teachers Appreciation Week, May 4 - 8 2015. Teacher appreciation week is a national annual celebration honoring all teaching staff. Head Start Parents, Site Supervisors and administrators take this opportunity to celebrate Early Care and Education professionals in Head Start and Early Head Start by gathering together to share food and stories about their children and families and show their appreciation in a variety of ways for the valuable service teachers provide every day. The Part Day/Part Year program ended on May 7th. Parents of children who are going to kindergarten received a transition to kindergarten packet that included home activities and tools such as, crayons, rulers, glue sticks and paper.
- The Full Day program for fiscal year 2014-15 is ending on June 30, 2015. The teaching staff is conducting parent and teacher conferences, preparing summer activities for the children, and preparing their classrooms for the new enrollees.
- CSB teaching staff is participating in the Nemours Project. This is an early childhood learning collaborative that focuses on obesity prevention. Participants will complete five Saturday 6-hour workshops. As the Nemours participants attend the workshops, they will be responsible for bringing the information back to their centers to train other teachers on-site. Teachers are learning about the "ABCs of a Healthy Me": Active play every day, Breastfeeding, Cutting down on



screen time, Drink milk at meals and water for thirst, Eat healthy foods; fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats/protein, low-fat dairy.

II. Status Updates:

a. Caseloads, workload (all programs)

- Head Start enrollment: 100.61%
- Early Head Start enrollment: 101.61%
- Head Start Average Daily Attendance: 80%
- Early Head Start Average Daily Attendance: 82%
- Children with disabilities: 11.47%
- Stage 2: 387 families and 630 children
- CAPP: 66 families and 93 children
- In total: 453 families and 723 children
- Incoming cases from Stage 1: 32 families and 61 children
- LIHEAP: 387 households have been assisted
- Weatherization: 17 units

b. Staffing:

- N/A

c. Legal/lawsuits

- N/A

d. Union Issues:

- A Meet and Confer was held with Public Employees Union (PEU) Local 1 Site Supervisor Unit (Business Agent for Local 1 Line Staff Unit waived attendance) to discuss new language to be added to CSB's Standards of Conduct to address compliance with the established federal program eligibility determination regulations and penalties for violating these regulations. Agreement was reached with the Union.

III. Hot Topics/Concerns/Issues:

- CSB staff continues to work closely with several members of the Economic Opportunity Council to understand their roles as an advisory body of a public agency. Study sessions are underway to assist them to embrace their role and engage in a meaningful and appropriate manner.
- CSB/EOC conducted and completed three successful Public Hearings with the final Public Hearing being on May 20, 2015 at 300 Ellinwood in Pleasant Hill. A survey was sent out via email, social media, and at the final Public Hearing to gather input that will be used in creating the top priorities in the Community Action Plan 2016-17.

IV. Emerging Issues/New Challenges:

- There are several funding increases proposed for State-funded childcare in both the House (\$600 million increase) and the Senate (\$332 million increase) and perhaps also the most significant change is the push to move early childhood programs back

under Prop 98 funding where it was for 22 years until the recession hit in 2011. This move will provide on-going stability in funding and more funding opportunities for early care programs including COLA increases.

- With the program year ending in June, the centers are busy preparing for 907 children who are exiting from the program and recruiting to enroll children to replace their vacated slots. Enrollment clinics are established in the centers where the comprehensive services team can meet with parents to go through the enrollment process.
- The Community Action Program will be required to follow new Organizational Standards in FY 2016. Staff is registered for training to be in full compliance.

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