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## FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR  
JUNE 10, 2019

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair  
Supervisor John Gioia, Vice Chair

Present: Chair Candace Andersen  
Vice Chair John Gioia

Staff Present: Julie DiMaggio Enea, Senior Deputy County Administrator

Attendees: Susan Jeong, CCC Office of Education; Colleen Kauth, Bay Area Legal Aid; Lauren Hansen, Public Interest Law Project; Mariana Moore, Ensuring Opportunity; Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging; Julia Taylor, County Admin Office; Kathy Gallagher, EHS Director; Tracy Murray, EHSD; Victoria Tolbert, EHSD; Larry Sly, CC Food Bank; Katelyn Sly, CC Food Bank

### 1. Introductions

*Chair Andersen call the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and invited attendees to introduce themselves.*

### 2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

*No one requested to speak during the public comment period.*

### 3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the draft Records of Action for the May 13, 2019 Family & Human Services Committee meeting.

*The Committee approved the Record of Action for the May 13, 2019 meeting as presented.*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

### 4. RECOMMEND to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Terri Tobey to At Large #10 seat with a term expiring September 30, 2020, on the Advisory Council on Aging, as recommended by the Council.

*Approved as recommended.*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

5. RECOMMEND to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of Brenda Brown to the Child Care Provider #2-Central/South County seat and Crystal McClendon-Gourdine to the Community #1-West County seat to new terms expiring on April 30, 2022; and the appointment of Kaitlin Young to the Discretionary #2-Central/South County seat to complete the current term ending on April 30, 2021 on the Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education, as recommended by the County Office of Education and the LPC.

*Approved as recommended.*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

6. ACCEPT status report on the Employment and Human Services Department's implementation of the CalFresh expansion.

*Kathy Gallagher presented the staff report. She reported that the department had thus far received 1,400 new CalFresh applications through both online and office access points, and expected that number could increase to 1,600 by the end of the week. She advised that the CalWIN system is now available for accepting new applications but is not yet functional for managerial reporting.*

*Kathy advised that 24 staff (19 temporary and 5 permanent) have been hired and are in the process of being trained to process new CalFresh applications. Until new staff are fully trained, existing staff have been diverted from other functions and are working overtime to respond to the workload spike, which is expected to level off at some point. EHSD has 30 days to process a new applications; Kathy clarified that regardless of the date that applications are approved, public benefits will be retroactive to the application date for qualifying applicants. Kathy advised that she plans to form a special division dedicated to SSI applicants to better manage SSI cases.*

*Kathy summarized that \$30 million is available Statewide for CalFresh (sourced by 50%/50% State/federal funding); however, counties may draw down from these funds only for emergency purposes. Counties are attempting to get relief from this restriction and also from possible sanctions for missing the 30-day processing deadline. The FY 18/19 State allocation was deemed insufficient and the FY 19/20 even less so. EHSD is performing time studies to track and report costs to comply with this mandate.*

*Larry and Katelyn Sly commented that the County has underestimated the number of applicants and that they have been told by applicants that their appointments were set in mid-July, past the 30-day statutory deadline.*

*Mariana Moore commented that people are hungry and the system has failed them.*

*She suggested that more funding be funneled to CBOs such as the food bank.*

*Lauren Hansen observed that the County was not processing CalFresh applicants even before the CalFresh expansion to SSI recipients.*

*Kathy Gallagher summarized that, except for IHSS, EHS staffing is adequate in light of the amount of funding that is available.*

*The Committee accepted the staff report and requested Kathy to provide an update at the Committee's next meeting on July 29.*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

7. ACCEPT the report from the Employment and Human Services Department on aging and adult services, highlighting challenges facing elders.

*Victoria Tolbert presented the staff report, which the Committee accepted with no public comment.*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

8. RECEIVE oral follow-up report on child care needs and access in Contra Costa County.

*Susan Jeong provided supplementary information to the Needs Assessment in a handout (attached), entitled "2017 Contra Costa County Child Care Needs Assessment Executive Summary".*

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair John Gioia

Passed

9. The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

*The Committee confirmed the next meeting date as shown.*

10. Adjourn

*Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.*