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County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Date: May 21, 2019  
Subject: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ACCEPT the attached status report on the Employment and Human Services Department's delivery of essential public benefits and safety net services through innovative community partnerships.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact; the report is informational only.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 6, 2015 the Board of Supervisors referred oversight and receipt of updates on the Employment and Human Services Department's (EHSD) Innovative Community Partnerships to the Family and Human Services Committee (FHS). On June 7, 2016, the Board approved expanding F&HS Referral No. 110 "Innovative Community Partnerships" to include the subject of Whole Family Services. This change was necessary to incorporate a major EHSD initiative, which refocuses client-facing benefit eligibility to assess the status and needs of the "whole family" while they are also determining benefit eligibility. Key to the new initiative is working with community partners to form a network of family resource centers in current place-based centers such as SIT (Service Integration Team) and

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/21/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 21, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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SparkPoint sites, Family Justice Centers, First 5 centers, *et al.*

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On June 25 and July 10, 2018, the FHS and Board of Supervisors received the most recent report on the Innovative Community Partnerships referral. Devorah Levine presented that report and thanked the board of supervisors for its investment in the health and well-being of families, which has avoided other costs. She commented on EHSD's role in adding expertise in areas of whole person care, the social determinants of health, federal policy, and elder abuse prevention. She advised that Innovative Community Partnerships was grant-funded for 18 more months and highlighted the challenge of finding ways to sustain services beyond that timeframe. EHS Director Kathy Gallagher commented that EHSD had access to grant writers and can assist community-based organizations to access those grant funds for which government agencies are not eligible.

Please see attached status report on EHSD's delivery of essential public benefits and safety net services through innovative community partnerships, which was presented to the Family and Human Services Committee on May 13. Supervisor Gioia suggests that the starting point for the violence prevention blueprint (see page 5 of the attached report) should be the [blueprint that was approved by Contra Costa voters in 1994](#). The Committee accepted the attached staff report and requested Ms. Levine to make a presentation to the Board on the violence prevention blueprint in the fall.

## ATTACHMENTS

Staff Report\_EHS\_Innovative Community Partnerships

Powerpoint Presentation\_EHS\_Innovative Community Partnerships