



RON ROBERTS
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: October 16, 2001
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: IMPROVING CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY (District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

In light of the September 11th events and the local school shootings earlier this year there is an urgent need in San Diego County to assure that every child and family are safe and have confidence in their community's response system. With increasing collaboration in the community, there is an unprecedented opportunity, utilizing the tobacco settlement dollars to make San Diego the healthiest and safest region in America for its children.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR ROBERTS:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. Develop a plan, working with Children's Hospital, other hospitals, clinics and other healthcare providers, to make San Diego County the healthiest and safest region in America for its children; and,
2. Designate \$2 million of tobacco settlement proceeds to support this effort and to add this to the discussion of one-time tobacco settlement spending plan.

Fiscal Impact

\$2 million to come from the one-time allocation of tobacco settlement dollars.

BACKGROUND:

It goes without saying that children are our most precious resource. Their innocence and optimism gives us hope to what lies ahead for this country. However, locally, this innocence and optimism was shattered by the events of September 11th and what happened earlier this year with the school shootings at Santana and Granite Hills high schools. The effects on our children are not yet known, but we should anticipate that the life they had before these events is no longer the life they live. As a body that has public health as its mandate, we have a responsibility, working with existing collaboratives, to make San Diego the healthiest and safest region in America for its children.

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What this will take is a long-term commitment from the County working in a collaborative fashion with existing stakeholders in the community that deal with children's health and safety on a regional basis, such as Children's Hospital and other healthcare providers. Goals such as assuring that all providers deliver optimal healthcare utilizing agreed upon guidelines; that all residents have access and awareness to the most current child health information; and, assure that all children are ready to learn. Certain strategies will be needed in order to achieve these goals. They include, implementing region-wide best practices and a measurable quality improvement program; fully informing consumers and connecting all schools to health care providers.

More specifically, the programs this effort is seeking with regard to child safety and health include: Safe at Home, for parents who are in need for up to date information, using either the telephone or computer, to answer questions regarding psychological stresses and fears of children; Safe in School, where school nurses are involved working with families to better prepare children for school and to educate about harm reduction; and, Safe in the Region, which encourages better safety coordination among the health care providers, so we are able to respond to emergencies and other long term health needs.

The County cannot do this alone nor all at once. In fact, the County allocated a \$50,000 grant for Children's Hospital to develop a better integrated system for children's health and safety. This program will need resources, like the tobacco settlement dollars, and time to develop. It will work in phases. The first phase will focus on child safety, such as helping children cope with an emergency situation, like September 11th or the school shootings. The second phase will focus on children's health and how we can optimize care and school readiness.

I urge your support of this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Fourth District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s):

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Ron Roberts Supervisor, District Four

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

CONTRACT NUMBER(S):

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT:

PROGRAM:

PROPOSAL:

	FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED BUDGET OF PROPOSAL IF ADOPTED				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	1st Subsequent Year	2nd Subsequent Year
Direct Cost					
Revenue/Other Offset					
NET GENERAL FUND COST					
Staff Years					

Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

Space-Related Impacts: Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements? Yes N/A

Support/Other Departmental Impacts: Yes N/A

Remarks: Yes N/A