

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 23, 2005

SUBJECT: PREVENT CHILD ABUSE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors discuss reorganization/restructuring of the county's existing Child Abuse Prevention Council and provide direction

BACKGROUND:

Under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 18980 the County of Riverside must designate a lead Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and fund them out of the Children's Trust Fund. Since 2002 the Board of Supervisors has designated Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County to be the lead CPAC for the county. The Children's Trust Fund is overseen by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS).

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18983 states, "Each county shall fund child abuse prevention coordinating councils which meet the criteria in Section 18982 from the county's children's trust fund." Since DPSS is designated as the fiscal agent of the Children's Trust Fund, Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County, even though it is an independent agent of the Board, is required to contract with DPSS thereby creating a dependent relationship.

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 18967 and 18982.2(d) states, the council [CPAC] "...shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as to those proposals which the commission feels should receive funding." The current structure does not allow Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County to bring funding recommendations directly forward to the Board of Supervisors as outlined in the code.

Welfare & Institutions Code Section 18983.5 also states, "Councils funded shall be incorporated as nonprofits, established as independent within county government, or established as comparable independent organizations, as defined by OCAP." Due to the dependent fiscal nature that has been established for PCARC with DPSS, it is questionable as to how independent PCARC's actions can be.


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