

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

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Departmental Concurrence

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of the Submission of the Revised System Improvement Plan (SIP) to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the period of 2009-2012.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve and:

Authorize the Department of Public Social Services to submit the attached Revised System Improvement Plan (SIP) to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the period of SFY 2009-2012.

BACKGROUND:

The 2009-2012 SIP was originally approved by the Board on March 17, 2009 (Agenda # 3.54). Upon submission to the State, CDSS Office of Child Abuse Prevention requested revisions to the narrative to ensure compliance with new formatting guidelines and federal language mandates. The SIP did not include this requested information because CDSS did not release instructions until after the SIP was submitted. In order to ensure that the revised SIP meets all requirements, DPSS requested a preliminary State review. CDSS has provided Riverside County with a "Conditional Approval" of the Revised SIP pending the attainment of Board approval and resubmission to the State prior to September 30, 2009.

Susan Loew

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Susan Loew, Director

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$0 | In Current Year Budget: | N/A |
| | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$0 | Budget Adjustment: | N/A |
| | Annual Net County Cost: | \$0 | For Fiscal Year: | 2009/2012 |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 8/23/05 (3.70); 6/5/07 (3.52); 9/16/08 (3.35); 11/4/08 (3.35); 3/17/09 (3.54)

District: All

Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.36

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: 9/15/09

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SUBJECT: Revised 2009-2012 System Improvement Plan (SIP)

BACKGROUND:

Following is a brief history about the SIP. Our focal area and strategies for 2009-2012 remain unchanged.

In 2001 the California Legislature passed AB 636 (Chapter 678) enacting the Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Act. The Act requires counties to focus on efforts to improve outcomes. As part of the continual review process, AB 636 requires counties to provide a tri-annual System Improvement Plan (SIP).

In 2005 the County SIP identified three (3) outcomes for improvement: 1. A reduction in abuse in out-of-home care; 2. A reduction in abuse when children are not removed from their homes; and 3. A reduction in re-entry into foster care. During the 2005-2008 SIP cycle, the number of children who are not maltreated while in out of home care improved from 98.6% to 99.6%. Additionally, the number of children remaining home who are not further maltreated improved from 88.6% to 94.6%. Although considerable effort was also directed to reducing child reentry into foster care, the data indicates that we experienced an increase in reentry from 11.4% to 14.6% during this same time frame.

As such, the 2009-2012 County System Improvement Plan (SIP) focuses on reducing child reentry to foster care.

The 2009-2012 SIP, now integrated with the Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF) Three Year Plan, was developed in collaboration with the Department of Probation and Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC), with input from more than 200 community stakeholders.

The strategies in the attached plan to improve successful reunification of children and families and reduce child reentry to foster care include:

1. Improving relevant management information systems
2. Improving foster/relative caregiver training, recruitment and retention
3. Improving quality assurance systems
4. Improving staff and provider training, and
5. Improving agency collaboration

The Department will provide annual reports on our progress in implementing these strategies and the impacts to the children and families we serve.