

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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9:00 a.m. being the time set for Beilenson Hearings.

Bill Luna, Executive Officer, gave opening comments.

The following individuals spoke in regards to the budget.

Susan Harrington
Dr. Richard Rajaratnam
Christina Bivona
Dr. Tim Watson
Penny Slater
Jena Jensen
Lawrence Waterman
Marina Poulson
Ann Vesser

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on May 16, 2011 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors
Dated: May 16, 2011
Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

(seal)

By: [Signature] Deputy

AGENDA NO.
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Harper-Ihem, Kecia

From: Mora, Susan [SMora@rivcocha.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Harper-Ihem, Kecia
Cc: Mack, Sarah S; Harrington, Susan
Subject: FW: CCS Hearing
Attachments: Henson letter.doc; Susie & Nick.jpg; Nick Dec. 2009.jpg

Hi Kecia,
Attached are the letters and photos that we received before 10AM on Monday.
Thank you for distributing them to the supervisors.
Susan

From: Lennan, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 5:18 PM
To: Mora, Susan
Subject: RE: CCS Hearing

Hi Susan,
I received the letter in my email in box at 9:55 am and the photos at 9:56 am on Monday 5/16/11. They are attached.
Thanks,
Sue

From: Mora, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:44 AM
To: Lennan, Susan
Subject: FW: CCS Hearing

Sue, please forward the letter to me. Can you document the time that it was received?
Susan

From: Harper-Ihem, Kecia [<mailto:KHarper-Ihem@rcbos.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:40 AM
To: Mora, Susan
Subject: RE: CCS Hearing

Good Morning,

Yes, it was nice to meet you. You can forward the letter to me, however, if it was received after the close of the hearing, it will be noted that way.

Thanks,



Kecia Harper-Ihem

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May 16, 2011

To: Riverside County Supervisors

From: Susan Henson
2675 Jefferson Circle
Corona, CA 92881
(951) 734-8683

Dear Riverside County Supervisors,

Today I am writing to you in response to the proposed budgetary cuts to the CCS program you are voting on today. My name is Susan Henson, and my son Nicholas, 13, has been involved with California Children's Services since he was a small baby, 3 months old. Nicholas has Cerebral Palsy, a seizure disorder and cortical blindness, and I am raising him on my own. He is non-ambulatory so he has needed to use a wheelchair since he was three. CCS has been instrumental in so many areas of our life, and I really don't know how, without the support, training, and financial help of the organization how Nicholas and I would have managed. The Corona MTU unit have been invaluable to me - always available to help answer questions related to Nick's equipment, physical therapy (a very important issue that needs constant monitoring and diligence) and daily living. Nick is now over 100 pounds, so I have needed advice and the assistance of CCS to help with equipment to help me life and bathe Nick.

I am writing today just to say that without CCS, I do not believe I would have been able to afford to take care of Nick on my own and raise him at home. When I heard about the proposed cuts, my heart sunk because I think of all the children who will be harmed by this, denied the essential services that make it possible for families to take care of them. I understand the severity of the financial situation of the state, but logically, I believe this is a short term decision made to quickly eliminate dollars off the bottom line. But the long term affect of this decision will be increased costs in the long run. And more importantly, by not giving families the resources and tools that are necessary to take care of disabled children at home, some of these children may have to be placed outside the home. The thought of not raising my son at home completely breaks my heart and I know this is feeling is shared by Moms and Dads who are devastated by the thought of not having all their family together. Please take these children and families in your mind as you make your decisions today.

Kindly,

Susan Henson

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TOBY DOUGLAS
DIRECTOR

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

May 12, 2011

Bob Buster, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Riverside County
County Administration Center
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92505

Dear Chairman Buster:

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Existing law governing the CCS Program establishes the following mandates applicable to Riverside County:

- Section 123845 of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC) requires Riverside County to administer the CCS Program for residents of the county.
- Section 123895 H&SC requires Riverside County to determine CCS Program eligibility for children suspected of having a CCS condition.
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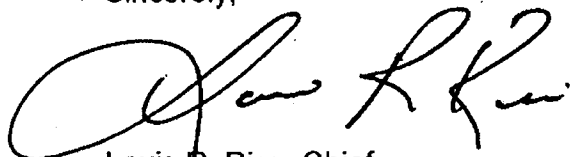
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- If the family appeals the county decision specified in the NOA, pursuant to Section 42140 et seq., Title 22 CCR and requests continuation of services pursuant to Section 42321, Title 22 CCR, Riverside County must continue the authorization of CCS services for the CCS child pending the outcome of the appeal.
- Pursuant to Section 17000 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code a California county is the 'health care provider of last resort' for its residents. If the Riverside County CCS Program declines to authorize medically necessary services for a CCS eligible child, then Section 17000 could place 100 percent of the responsibility for providing and funding the necessary care on the county with no direct state financial participation. If the county covers the child's care through CCS it can recover 50 percent of the cost of care from the State, rather than assume 100 percent of the cost of the care under Section 17000.

There is no authority in existing law for Riverside County to refuse to accept new referrals to the CCS Program or deny new applications for CCS services for a child who is a resident of the county. Additionally, there is no authority for Riverside County to deny services for a CCS eligible child or adolescent who is no longer eligible for Medi-Cal or enrolled in Healthy Families.

If Riverside County implements the proposed reduction of county funding for the CCS Program, the county must continue to fulfill its obligations to its CCS clients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis R. Rico". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Louis R. Rico, Chief
Systems of Care Division

cc: Susan Harrington, M.S., R.D., Director
Department of Public Health
Riverside County
Health Administration Building
4065 County Circle Drive
Riverside, CA 92503

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cc: Susan Mora, Administrator
California Children's Services Program
Riverside County
19769 Hole Avenue, Suite 220
Riverside, CA 92505



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Rocio Aceves (mother)
Remberto Mancilla (patient)
50660 Eisenhower Dr., #1514
La Quinta, CA 92253
(760) 296-1739

CCS Program

May 12, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

In the first place, I would like to thank this stupendous program for all the benefits that are provided to all the children with disabilities.

My son, Remberto Mancilla, is one of those children. I am very happy with all that has been done for him. Without your help these children would not progress or get ahead in life. I would like this program to stay the same as it is today. Now that my son is receiving therapy I am concerned that any change would affect his progress.

Also, I want to thank CCS for providing my son's wheelchair and for covering all neurology testing that he needed. Also, thank you for the services of the orthopedic and pediatric doctors. Without CCS's help all the families that have children with special needs could not progress without this program.

Thank you,

Rocio Aceves

Translated by Virginia Rodriguez.

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Rocio Aceves (Mama)
Remberto Mancilla (Paciente)
50660 Eisenhower Dr. #1514
La Quinta, Ca. 92253
(760) 296-1739

CCS Programa:

Por medio de la presente en primer lugar quiero agradecer a este estupendo programa por todos los beneficios que brinda a todos los niños discapacitados.

Ya que mi hijo Remberto Mancilla es uno de ellos, yo estoy muy contenta con todo lo que han hecho por el, ya que sin su ayuda estos niños no progresarían igual en su vida ni saldrían adelante. Quisiera que este programa siguiera igual como hasta ahora ya que mi hijo está en rehabilitación y creo que cualquier cambio afectaría su progreso.

También muchísimas gracias al CCS por proporcionarle su silla de ruedas a mi hijo y por cubrir todos sus estudios Neurológicos que ha necesitado, por la atención de los Ortopedistas y de su Pediatra, ya que sin su ayuda todas las familias que tenemos niños especiales no podríamos salir adelante sin este Programa CCS.

Rocio Aceves



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE

Pediatrics

May 10, 2011

7223 Church Street, Suite C1
Highland, California 92346
(909) 425-3939
FAX: (909) 425-5612

Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

I am Dr. Allison Hensley, a Board Certified General Pediatrician who has been involved with CCS since 2000. As a Pediatric Medical Consultant, I provide medical case management in the form of Pediatric Conferences at the Medical Therapy Units. CCS provides diagnostic & medical treatment services, medical case management, and physical & occupational therapy services to children with CCS eligible medical conditions until the age of 21. Hundreds of children and their families rely on these services; services that are medically necessary.

As a Pediatric Medical Consultant, I provide my knowledge and expertise in the overall assessment of many children who are eligible for medical therapy and/or equipment needs. The Pediatric Conference assessment makes sure that the children and their medical conditions are being properly managed and include assessment of their medical, therapy, and psychosocial needs, as well as, physical exams, review of medical records/reports, and referrals to specialists as deemed necessary and appropriate.

I am gravely concerned about the current proposed cuts/changes to the current CCS Program. The proposed cuts to CCS and its services directly affect many medically fragile children. Some of those services include equipment/DME needs, medications, surgeries, and physician care/follow-up. Eliminating these services will create more medical problems which will require more medical expenses in the long run. Denying new applications to some children will greatly affect them, due to the inability to find qualified medical providers to care for them. Delaying reimbursement of medical providers will have a domino effect in the medical care of almost every child enrolled in CCS. Many providers will not be able to continue providing their services if they are not being reimbursed and where will that leave the children who rely on their services? Imagine a child with severe spine or extremity deformities who needs to see



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a specialist that would provide surgical repair/correction. If that specialist is no longer able to provide that service, that child would continue to suffer needlessly. Or a child who is not able to walk due to cerebral palsy and is dependent on a wheelchair for mobility; what if the wheelchair needs repairs and the company no longer provides services. How will that child be transported to/from school (due to safety issues, a school bus would no longer provide this service) or be able to get around in his or her community? What about the child with a chronic medical condition such as diabetes, leukemia/lymphoma and sickle cell disease? Without Specialty Team Centers, who would provide the highly specialized care that they currently are getting through the many CCS medical providers? These are just a few examples of the problems many children would face with the current proposed cuts. These cuts will definitely create more pain and suffering to a lot children and cause more economic hardships on those families, many of whom already cannot afford this specialized medical care.

I believe that these children deserve the right to have access to ALL medically necessary services and I would ask you to reconsider the current proposed cuts to the CCS Program. Although I understand the status of our State's and Riverside County's budget deficits, I am very concerned that the full effects of these cuts haven't been fully addressed. The ramifications towards our most medically fragile children in the county are of utmost importance and it is imperative that we continue to provide them with these services.

Thank-you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allison C. Hensley

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),
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Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Ann Vessey (RCOE)

Address: _____
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: 826-6476

Date: _____ **Agenda #** 2.0

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Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Richard Rajaratnam, MD

Address: _____
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City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Christina Bruna Tellez

Address: _____
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Riverside **Zip:** 92501

Phone #: 951-222-2284

Date: 6-16-01 **Agenda #** 210

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Tim Watson, M.D.

Address: _____
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Perris **Zip:** 92373

Phone #: 951 932 3593

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Penny Slater

Address: 41791 Laurie Ln.
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Hemet **Zip:** 92544

Phone #: 951-929-9333

Date: 5/16 **Agenda #** 2.0

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Jena Jensen

Address: ~~4~~
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: 714-516-4206

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Lawrence Waterman

Address: 15150 Spinnaker Dr.
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Lake Elsinore **Zip:** 92530

Phone #: 951 639 3389

Date: 5/16/11 **Agenda #** CCS 2

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SPEAKER'S NAME: MARINA POULSON

Address: 5781 APPLCROSS DR.
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: RIVERSIDE Zip: 92507

Phone #: 951 786 7609

Date: 5/10/15 **Agenda #** 2

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