

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 22, 2016

12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Floor  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Discussion on AB 833 Childcare Subsidy Pilot

[Attachment](#)

Angie Garling, Early Care and Education Program Administrator, General Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the AB 833 Childcare Subsidy Pilot.

The Childcare Subsidy Pilot (AB 833) program seeks to address families in high cost areas that do not normally qualify for childcare subsidies. Also, state reimbursement rates to direct service contractors are too low to cover true costs of childcare. This program would authorize the County to develop and implement individualized child care subsidy plans and provide only limited flexibility.

With the support of the Committee, the Early Care and Education Childcare Program will begin a needs assessment and developing a plan for the pilot.

#### **Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

**Recommendation from Social Services Committee:** Approve. Move to the Personnel, Administration, Legislation (PAL) and then to the full Board of Supervisors.

### II. Discussion on Childcare Zip Code Priority

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Angie Garling, Early Care and Education Program Administrator, General Services Agency, gave an oral presentation on the Childcare Zip Code Priority.

Each year the County's Early Care and Education Program is required to submit to the State, a list of zip codes that are the most underserved in preschool, school-age and infant toddler childcare in the County. The zip codes are prioritized into categories (1), (2) or (3) and high priority zip codes are eligible for State funding when is available.

The data to prioritize the zip codes was from the 2012 American Community Survey which data included working families with income under seventy percent of the State Median Income (SMI). The data also included families with income under 70% SMI, not based on employment status.

The Early Care and Education Program requests to move the Childcare Zip Code Priority to the Board of Supervisors.

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**Recommendation from the Social Services Committee:** Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

**III. Update on Veteran's Services**

[Attachment](#)

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency, presented introductory comments and introduced Tracy Murray, Director, Alameda County Veteran's Services Office, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County's Veteran's Services.

Alameda County's Veteran's Services Office is one of 57 in the State of California and its employees are trained and accredited to act as agents of the Office of Veteran's Affairs.

**California Association of County Veterans Services Officers**

- 57 County Veterans Services Offices
- County Veterans Services Offices (CVSO) personnel are trained, accredited and act as agents of the California Department of Veterans Affairs
- CVSO provides peer mentorship, support and advocacy
- CVSO's generate 80% of claims nationally

**Veterans Service Office (VSO) Organizational Structure:**

- Veterans Services Officer oversees department and works with veterans
- Accredited Representatives assist Veterans and their dependents in submitting claims for assistance and representing veterans and their family members
- Specialist Clerk provides assistance with managing records, input of claims awards and college fee waivers
- Exams scheduled for Veterans Service Officer and Veterans Services Representative

**Veterans Service Office (VSO) Responsibilities**

- Counsels and assists with VA benefits including:
- Compensation and Pension
- Aid & attendance
- Burial benefits
- Alameda County VSO is the only organization that: 1) approves College Fee Waivers and 2) Generates Veterans driver's license designation

In Alameda County there are

- 57,562 veterans
- 78% of clients over 50
- 15.8% of veterans receive VA benefits

The County's Veteran's Affairs Commission has pending by-laws revisions, which include:

- Increase from 1 to 2 Female at Large Positions
- Add 1 Marine Corp Position
- Remove Military Order of the Purple Heart Position
- Remove 1 at-large position

- Remove Treasurer position

There are currently four vacancies on the Commission.

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**Recommendation from the Social Services Committee:** The Veterans' Services Offices staff was directed to return to the Committee to report on the status of the expansion of the Veterans' Affairs facilities in Alameda and Fremont and the move of the Livermore facility to the Central Valley.

**IV. Update on the Public Authority Stakeholder Process**

[Attachment](#)

Randy Morris, Adult & Aging Services Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency, Flora Maiki, Executive Director, Public Authority for In-Home Support Services and Michelle Rousey, Advisory Board Chair, Public Authority for In-Home Support Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Authority stakeholder process.

The Public Authority is in the process of reviewing the following:

- Employment arrangement for PA staff
- Communication: PA and County systems
- PA structure documents:
  - 1993 - Board Ordinance
  - 1999 – expired Interagency Agreement
  - 2010 - Advisory Board bylaws
- Other County structures - Independent & County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The final stakeholder meeting will be held on February 8, 2016. All of the information will be reviewed and identify opportunities for improvement that benefit PA, Advisory Board and the County. The goal is to submit a proposal to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the fiscal year.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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