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Safely Surrendered Baby Implementation Meeting SSA Administration, 333 W Julian Street 5th floor, Executive Conference Room

March 4, 2005

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions: Will Lightbourne/Ben Lopes
2. Discuss SB 116 (Dutton):
 - a. Update on bill introduction/hearings
 - b. Request for Support Letters
 - c. Plan for testimony/media release
3. Progress Update from Workgroups:
 - ✓ a. Public Safety (site designations; kits/signs; 911 protocol)
 - b. Fundraising
 - c. Media/Education (PR contract/partnerships)
 - d. Health/Human Services (flow chart; public health training team; staff training; reclaiming process; communication plan; agreement with community clinics; VMC drill; hospital council; medical questionnaire)
 - e. Legislative/policy update: SB 116 (Dutton)
 - f. Establish timeline for April completion of all activity
4. Next meeting date/time/location



SANTA CLARA COUNTY SAFE HAVEN TASKFORCE SUB-COMMITTEES

The Safe Haven Taskforce will oversee the following subcommittees: Media and Outreach, Policy and Legislation, Public Safety and Health and Human Services. Subcommittees are charged to produce a set of recommendations that will:

- ♦ Ensure the safety and health of infants who are surrendered.
- ♦ Prevent infant death due to abandonment.
- ♦ Increase public awareness of the law.
- ♦ Remove barriers and enhance access to parents or those who might assist parents in safely surrendering an infant.
- ♦ Ensure a method for gathering and communicating data on the number of infants safely surrendered or abandoned in Santa Clara County.

Media and Outreach Subcommittee (Including but not limited to):

- ♦ Ensure a regionally consistent Public Information Campaign.
- ♦ Identify ways to ensure a culturally sensitive and appropriate approach to outreach.
- ♦ Identify methods for reaching out to high-risk parent(s) those who may be on the verge of abandoning their babies.
- ♦ Implementation of Uniform Site Designation throughout the County.

Policy and Legislation Subcommittee (Including but not limited to):

- ♦ Examine the need for amendments to the existing law that would clarify certain aspects related to safeguarding the confidentiality to parents who safely surrender their babies.
- ♦ Identify opportunities to enhance the prevention aspect of the law.
- ♦ Determine if there are other opportunities that might facilitate the implementation of the Law.

Public Safety Subcommittee (Including but not limited to):

- ♦ Determine the feasibility and need of expanding Safe Haven Sites to other public entities within Santa Clara County
- ♦ Consider ways of improving access to designated sites and protecting safety and health of mother and infant
- ♦ Training module for specialized details for staff likely to receive surrendered babies.

Health and Human Services Subcommittee (Including but not limited to):

- ♦ Development of a Standardized training and procedural modules including:
Information on location of Safe haven sites; Available prevention and support programs; Social cultural and psychological aspects of childbearing; Ways of assisting women who may be concealing or denying pregnancies; Methods for developing or augmenting school curricula to include information about SSB.
- ♦ Identify data elements to be collected regarding all newborns safely surrendered or abandoned consistent with State instruction for data collection through the CWS/CMS system.