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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Prop 10 Funding Allocation Formula

The Children and Families Committee supported an allocation of Prop 10 funds by the proportion of births based upon residency in each supervisorial district. It is my view that a needs driven, outcomes based funding formula should be additionally considered. Such a formula offers the most efficient and equitable mechanism for determining funding priorities. If the objective of Prop 10 funding is to make a measurable difference in the lives of children aged 0-6 county-wide, then funds should be allocated where they can achieve the maximum beneficial outcomes. Therefore I recommend that the County Commission determine a funding formula consistent with these objectives.

- For example, if the County Commission were to select as an objective the goal of maximizing improvements in standardized test scores for 3rd graders in Santa Clara County, then in order to accomplish maximum gains funds would be allocated to those districts where the greatest gains could be achieved.
- Outcomes/objectives based funding clearly driven by needs will encourage strategic allocation of Prop 10 resources consistent with our prevention strategies adopted in the FY 2000 Budget Strategy Statement Feb. 5th, 1999:
    1. Create conditions that permit at-risk youth to lead safe and healthy lives
    2. Continue efforts to expand and improve preventative health care for children by strategically directing new Proposition 10 funds into well child health care programs
    3. Establish the funding of childcare as a central component of a successful program to support families in their efforts towards self-sufficiency.

4. New and/or programs presented for consideration should be theory-based (staff should have an idea at the outset about how the program will affect the target population); describe in detail the outcomes that are expected to result from the implementation of the program or enhancement; and address a pressing need as verified by reliable sources of data.

- Such an objectives based funding formula should clearly articulate the County's and County Commission's priorities towards serving those children most at risk for developmental disorders, learning disabilities, poor self esteem, teenage pregnancy and other consequences of living in poverty.
- Strictly allocating funds based upon births will disproportionately allocate resources to areas where needs are minimal, academic standards are at or near peak performance, and any additional gains will be insignificant in improving the lives of children and families.

The following chart indicates some possible factors that could be considered by the Commission when selecting a funding proposal.

Proposed Funding Formula			Additional Factors that could be considered		
District	Live Births	CFC Proposed Funding	Mothers w/ < HS Ed.	Inadequate Prenatal Care	Proportion of Children Living below FPL
1	4870	18.50%	784	733	8.70%
2	7380	28%	2891	1741	19.30%
3	5429	21%	601	836	5.30%
4	5126	19%	699	669	8.90%
5	3520	13%	252	324	4.40%

In summary, it is my recommendation that the Commission develop a funding formula that strategically allocates resources based upon quantifiable objectives with measurable indicators of success in addition to the proposed allocation based upon live births. Therefore I recommend modifying the CFC proposed funding allocation formula.

C: Richard Wittenberg
Clerk of the Board