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Subject: Receive and File a Presentation Providing an Overview of the California-Child and Family Services Review 2024-2027 System Improvement Plan and Providing an Update to the Child, Youth and Family Wellness System.

DAVID SWANSON HOLLINGER
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Recommendation:

Receive and file a presentation providing an overview of the California-Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) 2024-2027 System Improvement Plan (SIP) and providing an update to the Child, Youth and Family Wellness System initially presented to your Board in May 2022.

ELAINE MARTINEZ
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Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Discussion:

Child abuse, child neglect and juvenile delinquency are serious issues facing our society today, with deep complexities that are difficult, but not impossible, to solve. The C-CFSR was designed to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system. Lead agencies for the C-CFSR are Children and Family Services and Probation Placement Agencies. The C-CFSR SIP is a 5-year operational agreement between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the lead C-CFSR agencies and provides an outline for how counties will improve and strengthen their system of care for children and families. The SIP includes a coordinated service provision plan that identifies how the county will utilize prevention, early intervention and treatment funds to strengthen and preserve families, and to help children find permanent families when they are unable to return to their families of origin. The SIP is developed in collaboration with local community, prevention and early intervention partners. Every five years the C-CFSR cycle begins again with conducting a thorough County Self-Assessment (CSA) and peer review, developing a new 5-year SIP, and implementing the strategies to achieve desired results. The CSA has been completed and the 2024-2027 SIP is currently under development to include goals and strategies to promote trauma-informed practices, mitigate family upheaval, improve reunification

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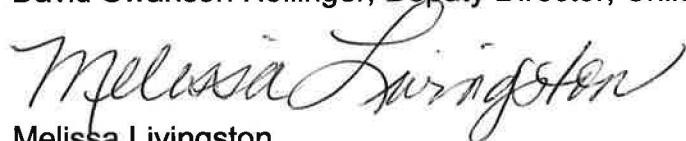
outcomes and design policy for improved care and safety. Once completed, the final 2024-2027 SIP will be brought back to your Board for formal approval in early 2024 prior to final submission to CDSS.

In addition to the 2024-2027 SIP, we will provide an update on the Child, Youth and Family Wellness System developed in mid-2022 with the vision of aligning government, community and family stakeholders to maximize wellness and quality of life so all children, and their families, are safe, healthy, educated and well, with a sense of belonging, purpose and opportunity to achieve their aspirations. The Wellness System Interagency Leadership Team consists of multiple County Agencies, as well as many external partners, and both parents and youth with lived experience in the child welfare system. Working together through focus on the whole child, whole family and whole community, we can support children, youth and families to achieve wellness and create strong futures.

Strategic Plan:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board's 2024-2027) strategic priority to 'Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable', Goal (2) Meet/sustain basic needs and be a reliable safety net for our vulnerable populations.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or David Swanson Hollinger, Deputy Director, Children & Family Services, at 805-477-5448.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melissa" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Livingston".

Melissa Livingston
Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – SIP and Wellness Presentation