

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_(N.S.)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CREATE THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. Article IIIv of the San Diego County Administrative Code is hereby added to read as follows:

SEC. 84.700 CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

There is hereby created the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County, hereinafter referred in this Article as the “Advisory Board.” The mission of the Advisory Board is to serve as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and transparent monitoring and accountability of the San Diego County child welfare system to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families. Monitoring should include, but not be limited to, the review and evaluation of San Diego County’s child welfare system such as: needs, trends, programs, services, facilities, activities, outcomes and other areas including the Child Welfare Services departmental budget, policies, and priorities, to identify gaps, support the implementation of system wide changes, discuss impacts of upcoming state or federal policies, advocate on behalf of children, youth and families, and encourage active participation by child welfare system partners.

The Advisory Board shall also serve as the designated child abuse prevention coordinating body and local children’s trust fund body as set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 18982 *et seq.* and 18965 *et seq.*

SEC. 84.701. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Advisory Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To serve as an informational resource to the Board of Supervisors on issues related to child abuse and neglect and in conformance with this Article and applicable County policies advise the Board of Supervisors, Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency Director, and Child Welfare Services Director.
- (b) Review and evaluate the County’s child welfare related services, programs, facilities, and new issues as they arise and review and comment on such evaluations of the County conducted by other entities or bodies as needed.
- (c) Collaborate and communicate with other advisory boards on issues of mutual concern.

- (d) Submit an annual report and dashboard to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County child welfare system.
- (e) Review and comment on items related to child welfare before consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
- (f) Review and comment on the County's performance outcome data, as it relates to child welfare matters, and communicate its findings to the Board of Supervisors.
- (g) Review and comment on the outreach efforts used to engage citizen involvement on this Advisory Board.
- (h) Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- (i) Promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.
- (j) Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- (k) Recommend improvements in services to families and victims who are in the public charge, as well as children, youth, and families whose safety and welfare may be at risk.
- (l) Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect, and family support programs.
- (m) To carry out the purposes of Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 18965 *et seq.* regarding proposals to be funded by the children's trust fund:
  - (1) Establish criteria for determining those programs which may receive funding,
  - (2) Accept all program proposals that meet criteria set by the Advisory Board,
  - (3) Prioritize the proposals in compliance with County procurement policies where applicable, and
  - (4) Recommend to the Board of Supervisors those proposals that the Advisory Board agrees merits funding.
- (n) Collect and publish data relevant to the state and local children's trust funds as required by California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18970.
- (o) Develop a protocol for interagency coordination and provide a yearly report to the Board of Supervisors as required by California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18983.6.

SEC. 84.702. MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION.

The Advisory Board shall consist of twenty-one (21) voting members appointed consistent with Board Policy A-74 and as follows:

- (a) Two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors who shall serve as Co-Chairs
- (b) Supervisors not serving on the Advisory board shall each nominate one (1) constituent as a Supervisorial District representative to be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors
- (c) Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or designee
- (d) Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee
- (e) Child Welfare Director or designee
- (f) Chief Probation Officer or designee
- (g) First 5 San Diego Executive Director or designee
- (h) Persons nominated by the Co-Chairs and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors who represent each of the following categories:
  - (1) Former foster youth
  - (2) Foster parent association
  - (3) Foster family agency
  - (4) Congregate care provider
  - (5) Court Appointed Special Advocate
  - (6) Legal counsel for minors in juvenile court
  - (7) Legal counsel for parents in juvenile court
  - (8) San Diego County Office of Education
  - (9) Juvenile justice community-based organization
  - (10) Children's health care professional
  - (11) Social worker

SEC 84.703. TERM OF OFFICE.

- (a) Supervisors shall be appointed for a term as determined by the Board of Supervisors.
- (b) Supervisorial District representatives shall serve a term concurrent with the appointing Supervisor's term of office.
- (c) The term for the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Health and Human Services Agency Director, Child Welfare Director, First 5 Executive Director, and Chief Probation Officer or their designees shall be concurrent with their service in their respective positions.
- (d) All other members shall serve a term of four (4) years.
- (e) Any member whose term has expired shall continue their duties until a successor is appointed. The reelection of a member of the Board of Supervisors shall not automatically extend the term of any member of the Advisory Board.
- (f) If a vacancy occurs in mid-term, the new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced.

SEC. 84.704. VACANCIES.

A vacancy shall be recognized before the expiration of the term upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) The death of the incumbent.
- (b) The resignation of the incumbent.
- (c) For a Supervisorial District representative, if their appointing Supervisor becomes a member of the Advisory Board.
- (d) Unexcused absences from more than half of the regularly scheduled full Advisory Board meetings in any twelve (12) month period.

SEC 84.705. ORGANIZATION.

- (a) Officers. The two appointed members of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as the Co-Chairs. The Advisory Board shall elect from its membership a Secretary and any other officers as may be deemed necessary for the conduct of its business and shall serve for one (1) calendar year. Officers will be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year.
- (b) Rules. The Advisory Board shall prepare and adopt the necessary rules and policies for the conduct of its business.

(c) Quorum. A majority of members currently appointed to the Advisory Board, including one Co-Chair, shall constitute a quorum. A majority of members in attendance including one Co-Chair shall be required to carry any motion or approval.

(d) Meetings. The Advisory Board shall establish a regular meeting schedule and shall give public notice of the time and place of public forums and meetings in compliance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

#### SEC. 84.706. COMMITTEES.

(a) Committees. The Advisory Board may establish one or more advisory committees to provide technical and professional expertise beneficial in accomplishing the Advisory Board's purposes.

(b) Ad-hoc committees. The Advisory Board may form ad-hoc committees on an as needed basis for the purpose of carrying out the functions and duties of the Advisory Board.

(c) The actions and recommendations of any committee shall not be deemed the action of the Advisory Board.

#### SEC. 84.707. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.

Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for expenses other than mileage reimbursement for travel incurred in performing the duties assigned to them under this Article.

#### SEC. 84.708. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

Any member of the Advisory Board shall act in conformity with State and local conflict of interest requirements including Government Code Section 1090 *et seq.* and the Political Reform Act.

#### SEC. 84.709. STAFF ASSISTANCE.

(a) The Director of the Health and Human Services Agency shall provide staff assistance to the Advisory Board. Assigned staff shall not be from within Child Welfare Services.

(b) The Advisory Board may engage the uncompensated services of volunteers as needed. Such volunteers shall not be considered employees of the County of San Diego.

#### SEC. 84.710. SUNSET REVIEW.

This Article shall be reviewed as a part of the regularly scheduled sunset review process.

Section 2. Article IIIo (County of San Diego Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council) is repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of adoption of this ordinance, a summary shall be published once with the name of those members voting for and against the same in the newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
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