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APRIL 18, 2006: BOARD AGENDA ITEM #24: WRAPAROUND CONTRACTS AND KNABE AMENDMENT FOR DCFS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN SIX AND 12 MONTHS

This report is in response to Supervisor Knabe's oral amendment on April 18, 2006 regarding Wraparound contracts. Your Board directed the Department to submit written reports regarding contract funding, monitoring and performance measures for Wraparound contracts in October 2006 and April 2007.

On October 18, 2006, the first of these two reports was submitted regarding the Wraparound contracts, including funding. It indicated that the second report would provide your Board with a summary of the progress being made by the Wraparound providers in achieving positive outcomes for enrolled children and their families.

On May 1, 2006, the Los Angeles County Wraparound Program entered its third phase of expansion, with the addition of 27 new service providers joining the eight previously contracted providers. With this expansion in the number of providers, the Wraparound Program projected an increase in its services to eligible children/families in Los Angeles County from 644 children/families served as of August 2006 to more than 800 children/families by the end of the first contract year (April 2007). As of March 31, 2007, there were 904 children/families actively enrolled in Wraparound countywide.

Monitoring Efforts

The Department has completed follow-up activities regarding our administrative reviews of the Phase I and II providers. Administrative reviews of the 27 newly contracted providers began in November 2006.

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As previously reported, we have partnered with the Auditor-Controller's Office in developing the Wraparound Program and Administrative Performance Measures instrument/tool that is used to complete administrative reviews and audits of the contracted agencies. To date, eight of the new providers have been reviewed. All were found to be in program and administrative compliance with the terms and conditions of their Wraparound contracts. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office has completed fiscal audits of five Wraparound agencies for this current Fiscal Year (FY 06/07).

The quality of the Wraparound services being provided continues to be monitored by the Interagency Screening Committees (ISC) staffed by Wraparound Liaisons from the Departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health and Probation. The Plan of Care for each child enrolled in Wraparound is reviewed every six months by the ISC.

Performance Measures

The current Wraparound contracts include specific outcome/performance measures that stem from the Department's three primary goals of permanency, safety and well-being. The contracted agencies are providing the Department with quarterly reports that capture their progress in achieving these goals and outcomes. We are pleased to report that:

- Children enrolled in Wraparound are functioning well in the domains of school, home and community, and achieve overall improved functioning as measured by the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS).
- Wraparound children in out-of-home care are able to return home more quickly and remain in their communities with greater frequency than non-Wraparound children.
- Children who complete the Wraparound process are less likely to re-enter the child dependency system than non-Wraparound children.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Board Relations Manager, at (213) 351-5530.

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