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OIR-DCFS

Following several child injuries and fatalities, in May 2006, the Board entered into an agreement with the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to provide independent oversight of the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) administrative investigation of these cases. The objectives of OIR-DCFS were to support the department by streamlining DCFS' risk management procedures; to ensure that these cases are reviewed in a timely, thorough and impartial manner; and to make recommendations regarding these investigations and needed systemic changes to improve the safety of children known to DCFS.

OIR-DCFS is currently staffed with a Chief Attorney and a Deputy Chief Attorney to conduct the specialized legal services as indicated in the contract. However, since that time, the majority of the OIR attorneys' time has been spent undergoing training in child welfare/dependency law, policy and practice. Additionally, those OIR reviews already begun on a number of select cases are being conducted without established protocols or parameters. Those protocols are essential to clarify the support that OIR-DCFS will provide the department.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Office of Independent Review, in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services and Office of County Counsel, to report back to the Board in 15 days with specific protocols on working with public and private entities, detailing procedures, expected outcomes, specific deliverables, timeframes and measurable benchmarks of success.

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