



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 29, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The Pew Trust’s report we read about in this morning’s newspaper that endorses the concept of ‘prevention’ is the latest of an abundance of studies that support this approach as an effective means of reducing child abuse and neglect in our communities. This concept is not new to us. Our own Commission for Children and Families came to the same conclusion in a study they developed back in 2002, basically asserting that the lack of an effective prevention strategy here in Los Angeles County has significantly compromised child safety.

“I agreed with the Commission’s conclusion. In March 2006, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and I entered a motion instructing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to develop an implementation plan for a comprehensive child abuse prevention effort that aligns all of the public and community-based resources that assist families, and integrate their efforts. County staff has worked over the past two years to develop a program called ‘Healthier Communities, Stronger Families and Thriving Children’ (HST), which includes the ‘Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project’ that the CEO has identified funding for. After two years of planning and discussion – which was necessary and appropriate – we need to move forward.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to report back at the Board meeting of February 6, 2008 on the status of the Healthier Communities, Stronger Families and Thriving Children program as to the most expeditious way of moving the program to implementation.

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