

Lane County Commission on Children and Families

February 18, 2009

<p>ISSUE BRIEF (Action required)</p>	<p>Should the Lane County Commission on Children and Families direct staff to allocate 2009-11 Biennial Discretionary funds as recommend by the CCF Executive Committee?</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p>In the 1993 session the State Legislature adopted HB 2004, and directed the creation of Local Commissions on Children and Families in all 36 counties throughout the state, charging the commissions with responsibility for system-wide strategic planning and implementation of a wellness model for children and families.</p> <p>The 1999 Oregon Legislature adopted Senate Bill 555 (SB555), which called for a local coordinated comprehensive planning process where communities examined their capability to support and nurture children, youth and families. SB 555 specified that the local commissions on Children and Families were responsible for coordinating and facilitating the planning process.</p> <p>The SB 555 Work plan has been the catalyst for significant changes to the Commission on Children and Families and the Department which supports it. Every project undertaken by staff or Commission members supports the priorities laid out in our plan. We provide support to the community's efforts on behalf of children and families in the following areas: 1) Advocacy and public awareness; 2) Community resource development, sustainability and stability; 3) Inclusive community planning, collaboration and decision-making; 4) Increased supports, service efficiency, quality improvement and accountability; and, 5) Networking, training and education.</p> <p>Over the course of 2007, the Lane County Commission on Children and Families completed an intensive and broad-based community outreach effort resulting in a focused and detailed plan of action for three targeted issue areas addressing the needs of children and families. Issue areas were chosen having met the following criteria: data-based, having achievable and measurable outcomes, Best Practice and impact multiple focus issues. CCF/DCF staff continues to work with existing groups & agencies to advocate for services, and to help coordinate efforts as well as meet the reporting requirements of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. The work supports that laid out in the SB 555 Work Planning process.</p> <p>In October 2008, the CCF Executive Committee began its preparation for the 2009-11 Biennial budget process, and continued over the next four months in preparation to make a recommendation the full Commission how CCF discretionary funds should be allocated in the upcoming biennium. The Committee reviewed definitions of funding streams and their limitations & restrictions, as well as activities supported with flexible funds and the amounts. Staff provided charts illustrating funded programs and their activities for the 2005-07 biennium and the leverage each program brought into the County.</p> <p>The Committee discussed at length its recommendation, knowing the local commission budget is likely to see a 20 percent reduction in the 2009-11 Biennium from the State budgeting process.</p>

Summary	<p>At this time the Lane County Commission on Children and Families Executive Committee recommends that the Commission approve the committee's directive for staff to move forward, based upon Lane County's allocation from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary funds will be allocated to the Family Resource Center Network and Community Focus Area Projects. • If cuts are higher than 10%, funds to the Family Resource Center Network and Community Focus Area Projects will be reduced, with cuts to FRCs made selectively, not across the board.
Fiscal Impact	Family Support & Connection program will not receive CCF Discretionary funds for the 2009-11 Biennium.
Action Needed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Executive Committee's recommendation 2. Reject the recommendation
Recommend	Option 1. Approve the recommendation
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