

County of Santa Clara
Supervisory District Two



24-4602

DATE: February 27, 2024 (Item No. 44)
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cindy Chavez, Supervisor
SUBJECT: February 2, 2024 - CSFC Report Out

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report from the Children, Seniors, and Families Committee relating to the meeting of February 2, 2024. (Chavez)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

The Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) met on February 2, 2024. Chairwoman Cindy Chavez and Vice Chair Sylvia Arenas were present.

The Committee held the following items to the next meeting:

- A report from the Office of the County Executive relating to the Vietnamese American Service Center. Chair Chavez requested an off-agenda memorandum, with detailed information on the programming, outreach, and engagement, opening of the third floor, community collaboration, and reservation process, and that it be sent to the entire board.
- A quarterly report from the Office of the County Executive relating to the provision of free period products in County restrooms.

The Committee received the following reports on consent:

- A report from the Social Services Agency, Department of Aging and Adult Services, relating to the Senior Nutrition Program. Chair Chavez requested Administration to check in on the Senior Nutrition Program locations to make sure menus are published in a complete and timely manner;
- An annual report on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Older Adult Summit from the Behavioral Health Services Department;
- An annual report from the Social Services Agency, Department of Aging and Adult Services, relating to the In-Home Supportive Services Program;
- An annual report on the Office of the Public Administrator/Guardian/Conservator from the Social Services Agency, Department of Aging and Adult Services. Chair Chavez

added that there is an emerging need regarding the increasing number of seniors and requested a discussion on this during the budget process to ensure our County organization is mindful of this increased need;

- A report from the Social Services Agency relating to UnaMesa dba InPlay; and
- A bimonthly report from the Office of Supportive Housing and Facilities and Fleet Department relating to the development of the Hub.

The Committee received a report from the from FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.

The Committee concurrently received an annual report from the Office of Immigrant Relations, Office of the County Executive, relating to immigration programs, including the New Americans Fellowship and a verbal report from the Office of the County Executive relating to assisting recently-arrived migrant families and individuals who are seeking asylum with accessing critical housing and safety net services. Chair Chavez requested information on strategies that were referenced in budget discussions. Vice Chair Arenas requested to add vendor location (and zip codes of the areas in the County being covered by the services) and vendor specialty to the Office of Immigration Relations Reports. Vice Chair Arenas also requested Administration to provide a response on how to inform migrants, coming to Santa Clara County, on the difficulties and challenges the residents of the County currently face.

The Committee concurrently received a report from Santa Clara Valley Healthcare relating to the Universal Developmental Screening Initiative (UDSI) and a report from Santa Clara Valley Healthcare relating to the development of the Youth Center for Evaluation and Advocacy. Relating to UDSI, Chair Chavez requested that future versions of the report show where the County is with meeting different tasks, goals, and updates. Relating to the Youth Center for Evaluation and Advocacy, Chair Chavez requested more information on how children are getting connected to other services beyond the services they are currently receiving.

The Committee received a report from the Behavioral Health Services Department relating to School Linked Services Initiative program and projects. Chair Chavez requested more information on the billing process and how the County is measuring success and more on reimbursement rates. There was a request for more information for how schools would accept counseling services, why or why not, where, and how. Chair Chavez asked that staff engage with youth groups for feedback and that information be included in future reports. Vice Chair Arenas requested a report back with data broken into zip codes and by school to see where resources are being spent. The Vice Chair requested information to see where services are offered, whether there is an increase in wellness centers, and for additional engagement with East Side Unified High School District. Vice Chair Arenas offered direction that preventative funding needs to be in line with where the highest need is.

The Committee received a report from Santa Clara Valley Healthcare relating to updates from the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Committee.

The Committee received a report from the Probation Department relating to use of force within juvenile custodial settings. Chair Chavez asked Administration for information on how and

when youth with high acuity need are in secure facilities are assessed by Behavioral Health, and when and under what circumstances a 5150 is ordered. She also requested at the next quarterly report to have Behavioral Health be present to provide a few scenarios on the use of force when applied to youth requiring Behavioral Health services. Vice Chair Arenas requested clarity on when it is determined that youth require Behavioral Health services in order to assess the well-being and needs of the youth.

The Committee received a report from the Human Rights Commission relating to the implementation of Senate Bill 43. Chair Chavez showed support for the Human Rights Commission in their plan to conduct community outreach and forums on the subject.

The Committee received a verbal report from Social Services Agency Director.

The Committee received a verbal report from Department of Child Support Services Director.

The Committee received a verbal report from Chief Probation Officer.

The Committee received a verbal report from Chief Children's Officer. Chair Chavez asked that the City of San Jose's Children and Youth Master Plan be agenized for committee discussion at date uncertain.

The Committee approved the minutes of the October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting.

The Children, Seniors, and Families Committee adjourned to the next meeting Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The report will not be received.