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February 20, 2001

AGENDA: February 27, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St., Fifth Floor
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SUBJECT: Tenth Annual Report on the Comprehensive Interagency System of Care for Children and Youth

Dear Members of the Board:

BACKGROUND:

Each year since 1990 your Board has received the Annual Report on the Comprehensive Interagency System of Care for Children and Youth from the County's Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The annual System of Care reports the interagency efforts and successes of Mental Health, Child Welfare, Juvenile Probation, and Education on behalf of seriously emotionally disturbed children, youth, and their families. The annual System of Care focuses on outcome measures such as Juvenile Justice recidivism rates, hospitalization rates, school attendance and grade level equivalency gains, clinical gain and client satisfaction measures along with monitoring AFDC-FC costs. As you know, the successes described in this report are, in part, attributable to ongoing interagency efforts to monitor the effectiveness of existing programs, and institute program modifications, as necessary, in response to the changing needs in the community. To this end, this report reflects a number of new initiatives approved by your Board to provide for alternatives to out of home placement of court wards and court dependents.

2000 SYSTEM OF CARE REPORT:

This report marks the ten-year anniversary of our County's interagency System of Care, and is a significant milestone. While Mental Health takes the lead in preparing the report, the data reflects *joint interagency* efforts.

The 2000 report is distributed, not only to your Board and the State Department of Mental Health, but is also shared with each county in the state and national audiences concerned with model programs in Children's Mental Health. Technical assistance has also been provided to many counties on models developed in Santa Cruz County.

Santa Cruz County was one of the first of three counties to implement the California State System of Care model in 1989. We have been tracking outcomes for a decade and our success has not only served as a model for the State, but has helped to support System of Care expansion into more than forty California counties. It is has become increasingly important in the human services field to demonstrate to communities, taxpayers, the legislature, and consumers alike that new investments in service supports do, in fact, produce results--that they are more than just a good idea.

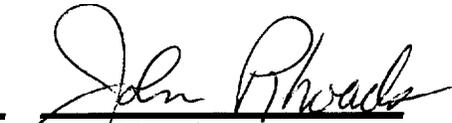
The report reflects a vibrant, healthy system, which makes a real difference in the lives of high-risk youth and families in the community. The success of the System of Care is a tribute to the extensive interagency collaboration and expertise that exists in Santa Cruz County, and helps to make the System of Care a reality.

Collectively, our agencies, and their staff want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Supervisors and County Administration for their continued support of these efforts.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

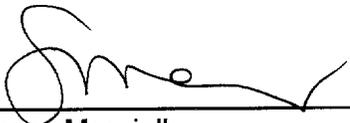
1. Accept and file this Tenth Annual Report on the Comprehensive Interagency System of Care for Children and Youth.

Sincerely,

		
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Rama Khalsa Health Services Agency Administrator	Cecilia Espinola Human Resource Agency Administrator	John Rhoads Probation Department Administrator

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED



Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Health Services Agency
Mental Health Administration