ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 27, 2023
2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, excused
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: ***Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th fl***
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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Summary/Action Minutes

I. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**: **NET Growth Movement - Guaranteed Income Pilot Update**
    Attachment

    Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency and Darryl McDavid, Program Manager, Bay Area Community Services (BACS), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the NET Growth Movement – Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot.

    The NET Growth Movement – Guaranteed Income Pilot Program is designed to help former foster youth transition into adulthood with the financial stability, personal strength, and community backing they need to thrive.

    Designed and founded by adults with experience in Alameda County foster care, powered by BACS, the NET Growth Movement provides a guaranteed income pilot ($1,000 per month for up to 24 months), a plethora of supports, and community-resource building. This is the first program of its kind in Alameda County, and the initial cohort began in January 2023.

    This program is provided in partnership with Alameda County Social Services Agency.

    Purpose:
    ☒ **Report progress**
    ☐ Advocacy or Education
    ☐ Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
    ☐ Other:

    This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Child Abuse Prevention Update**
     Attachment

     Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Children and Family Services and William Nguyen, Program Manager, Department of Children and Family Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on Alameda County Child Abuse Prevention Services.

     Child Abuse Prevention Council & Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

     The purpose of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force is to review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the distribution of Child Abuse Prevention Dollars.

Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment/Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Contracts
- Funds Prevention, Intervention and treatment programs
- Utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach
- Funds are for services that address an unmet community need
- Services are free of charge, open to all county residents (funding of last resort for families in need)
- Support community-based efforts to prevent child abuse
- Support coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families thereby reducing likelihood of abuse or neglect
- Foster understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diversity in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect

Purpose:
☒ **Report progress**
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☐ Other:

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III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Medi-Cal Continued Coverage Unwinding Period
Attachment

Amada Robles, Provisional Assistant Agency Director, Department of Workforce & Benefits Administration Juan Ventanilla, Program Specialist, Department of Workforce & Benefits Administration, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Medi-Cal Continued Coverage Unwinding Period.

On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 which included the decoupling of the continuous coverage requirement for Medi-Cal from the end of the PHE. As such, the continuous coverage requirement for Medi-Cal is set to end on March 31, 2023.

The Social Services Agency will resume Medi-Cal renewal processing actions beginning April 2023 for renewals due in June 2023. Subsequently, beneficiaries may start losing their Medi-Cal coverage as of July 1, 2023, if they do not complete their renewal or if they are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal.

Purpose:
☒ **Report progress**
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

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IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COVID-19 CalFresh Administrative Flexibilities Update
Attachment

Amada Robles, Provisional Assistant Agency Director, Department of Workforce & Benefits Administration, Roland Shao, Program Specialist, Department of Workforce & Benefits Administration and Stefanie Toro, Program Specialist, Department of Workforce & Benefits Administration, presented a PowerPoint presentation on COVID-19 CalFresh Administrative Flexibilities.

The Federal Government has ended the temporary flexibilities for CalFresh in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency Allotments were provided to all eligible CalFresh households on a monthly basis since March 2020. CalFresh Emergency Allotments are ending because new federal law in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 ends the issuance of CalFresh Emergency Allotments to households in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration ending on May 11, 2023, California will no longer be able to exempt students using the temporary changes to the CalFresh student eligibility rule.

Beginning June 10, 2023, these temporary exemptions will no longer apply to college students who are newly applying for CalFresh.

Beginning July 1, 2023, college students who already receive CalFresh benefits should not experience any changes until their next recertification, where their eligibility will be reassessed.

In mid-March 2023, CDSS released outreach materials for dissemination to community partners and CBOs regarding the end of the CalFresh Temporary Student Exemptions.
ACSSA is also creating specific outreach materials to share and update our public facing webpages and social media sites by mid-April 2023.

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☐ Other:

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PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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