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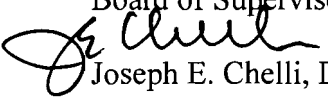
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Memorandum

To: Board of Supervisors
From:  Joseph E. Chelli, Director
Subject: 2009 Annual Head Start Program Report

Attached please find the 2009 Annual Head Start Program Report prepared in response to the *Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007*, which requires grantee agencies to make available to the public an annual report disclosing information about its Head Start program.

If you have any questions or need further information please call Adolfo Munoz, Grantee Director, at 468-1939 or me at 468-1651.

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT San Joaquin County Head Start Program

INTRODUCTION

The Federal *Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007* requires Head Start agencies to make available to the public an annual report disclosing information about its Head Start Program. This report provides the information (delineated below) for the County of San Joaquin, Head Start grantee, and Head Start Child Development Council, Inc., County's program operator and delegate agency. This report is based on the grantee's fiscal year February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 for the funding and budget data and the 2008-09 school year for program service data.

GRANT FUNDING

Funding for the San Joaquin County Head Start program is provided by the Federal Administration for Children and Families. Total federal funding for the period of February 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009 was \$23,476,767.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

During the 2008-09 fiscal year a total of \$23,476,767 was expended or 100% of the total Federal funding.

The budget approved for the 2009-10 fiscal year totaled \$23,461,209 as follows:

Personnel:	\$ 261,029
Fringe:	95,463
Supplies:	16,505
Contractual:	22,899,826 (Delegate Agency Sub-Contract)
Travel:	17,400
Other:	126,820
Indirect:	<u>44,166</u>
	\$ 23,461,209



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED

As the sole delegate agency, the Head Start Child Development Council, Inc. provided services to 2,971 children and families throughout San Joaquin County. This included 2,631 children in the Head Start program serving children ages three to five, and 340 children enrolled in the Early Head Start program serving children ages zero to three.

AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT

The average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrolment) was 99.7%.

PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED

According to our annual 2009 Community Assessment, there were 11,929 income-eligible families with 0-5-year-old children in the County. Based on our enrollment level, 31% of the eligible children and their families in the county were served.

RESULTS OF 2007 FEDERAL MONITORING

Federal reviews of Head Start programs take place every three years. The most recent federal review of the San Joaquin County Head Start program was conducted in March 2007. Overall results were positive. Of the more than two thousand requirements that guide and regulate Head Start, there were only four areas of non-compliance at the Delegate level. Efforts made by the agency to address each of the findings were carried out within the required timelines. A follow-up to the Federal Review was conducted in September 2007 and all corrections made to address findings were validated. The next Federal review is scheduled for March 2010.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES FOR ENROLLED CHILDREN

Of the children enrolled during the 2008-2009 school year, 90% of these children received a medical examination and 92% received a dental examination. There were some children who had enrolled in Head Start, but left the program before they were able to have the medical or dental examination. These children account for the percentage of children who did not receive a medical and/or dental examination.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the education and health services provided to children, a key component of the Head Start program is the provision of services to the families of enrolled children. Services are provided to families through referrals to community agencies or programs and through parent education sessions. The services provided to families include:

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>% of Families Receiving Service</u>
Parenting Education	89%
Health Education	56%
Job Training	29%
Adult Education such as GED programs	22%
English as a Second Language training	15%
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment	12%
Emergency and Crisis Intervention	13%



Of all the families served during the program year, 97% received at least one type of service focused on improving the family's situation and assisting the family towards economic self-sufficiency.

Parents are engaged in decision-making through a formal three-tier program governance process, including:

Parent Center Committee: Within each classroom is an established parent club consisting of 100% of Early Head Start/Head Start parents/caregivers. Parent Club members assist in planning and decision-making by planning and giving input to program services including: education, nutrition, and family services; curriculum development, field trips, menu, special events for the class, classroom rules and procedures, parent activities, etc. Parents are elected at this level to participate at the Cluster Area Committee to ensure that geographic areas are proportionately represented in decision making.

Cluster Area Committee: Within each EHS/HS Cluster (total 9 Clusters); parents are elected to represent all parents/caregivers within their respective cluster. Clusters are developed based on geographic locations. These cluster committees discuss, plan, and give input to cluster-wide issues, such as curriculum, field trips, special events for the cluster, and monitor the quality and compliance of the cluster according to Head Start performance standards. At this level, parents are elected to represent their respective cluster at the Delegate Policy Committee level. Approximately 140 parents participate at this level.

Delegate Policy Committee: Each of the nine Clusters is represented by three representatives, chosen from various program options. Parents/caregivers of children, who are currently enrolled, make up over 51% of this group. In addition, selected former parents and community representatives serve on this body to ensure that the needs of the community are known to the agency. Currently, the Executive Director of Stockton 20/20, a youth-based literacy agency, which focuses on ensuring quality library services within the County, serves as a community representative. The presence of this community agency enables HSCDC, Inc. to better address family literacy which is one of the identified three-year-program-goals.

At the delegate agency level, parents of children enrolled in the Head Start program are involved in the Delegate Policy Committee (DPC) which is an important component of the shared governance system. Parent representatives are elected to the DPC through center-level parent committees.

Grantee Policy Council: The DPC elects 9 parent representatives and 9 alternates to serve on the Grantee Policy Council for a one-year term.

SCHOOL READINESS EFFORTS

One of the principal goals of the Head Start program is the development of the social, cognitive and behavioral skills needed by children for success in kindergarten. The San Joaquin County Head Start program assesses the progress of enrolled children from the beginning of the school year to the final assessment period in May. The results of these assessments for the 2008-2009 school year were promising. For example, by the end of the school year 87% of the enrolled children were able to follow classroom routines, and 92% of the children could play cooperatively with other children, sharing toys and materials and respecting the rights of others. In terms of academic development, 89% of the children achieved a level of mastery in various important domains including, for example, understanding



and complying with teacher's directions. Growth in literacy and numeracy skills were also evident among the children.

The San Joaquin County Head Start program is a vital part of the early childhood education services in this county and a valuable resource for the children and families in our communities.

