

May 27, 2003

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DIRECT SERVICES/IMPLEMENTATION GRANT BUDGET FUNDING – GRANT YEAR JULY 03- JUNE 30TH 2004 – YMCA BECOMING PARENTS

BACKGROUND: The Sutter County Children & Families Commission issued an RFP for Direct Services Grants on December 18, 2001. The YMCA applied for and received \$102,338.00 for a project to train new parents. It is the intent of the Commission to allocate funding to new & existing projects that enhance services to young children 0-5 & their families through innovative and integrated approaches. Following an oral presentation by the YMCA on April 24, 2002 the Commission approved awarding funds to the YMCA organization to support the “Becoming Parents Program” for grant year 2002-2003. At the January 24, 2003 meeting your Commission indicated an intent to fund grant year 2003-2004 pending review of program and budget, with the clear understanding that the YMCA would dramatically increase the number of persons being seen in the program.

The 02-03 final narrative report and budget is included for Commission information as well as comments from Duerr and Associates who are evaluating projects on behalf of your Commission.

The YMCA asked for a modification of their grant contract to improve services which was granted by your Commission. Although the YMCA has employed a full-time coordinator for the past four (4) months, the number of parents enrolled in the “Becoming Parents Program” has not increased. The YMCA reported six (6) couples have enrolled with two (2) completing the program. There has been interest and participation from the foster-care community however, the enrollment is not enough to meet the projections of the YMCA in applying for this grant nor does this effort meet the intent of your Commission as expressed at the January 24, 2003 meeting.

The YMCA has worked diligently with outreach and has been well intended in their desire to promote BPP and enroll parents. Unfortunately this program has not been well attended and is though not to meet a significant need in this community.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The YMCA is requesting \$83,476.48 for grant year 03-04 to continue the “Becoming Parents Program”.

IMPACT ON COUNTY RESOURCES: Using \$17,859.76 of grant money not expended in 2002-2003, YMCA is requesting \$83,476.48 for 03-04 for the total operating budget of \$101,336.24.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission decline to fund the request from the YMCA to fund the "Becoming Parents" program for 2003-2004. In addition, it is recommended the YMCA return \$17, 859.76 of unspent funds remaining after the June 30, 2003 close of this program. It is further recommended that the YMCA return to the Commission all equipment purchased with Commission funds and utilized by this program.

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