

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 27

SUBJECT: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN’S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE (MAY 23, 2023 - FIRST READING; JUNE 13, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On March 26, 2019 (11) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB) to enhance the ability of the County of San Diego (County) to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect and to ensure the well-being of children and families. Since its inception, the CFSAB has served as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and transparent monitoring of the San Diego County child welfare system. The CFSAB has allowed for streamlined collaboration and expanded transparent communication and oversight between stakeholders and the newly formed Child and Family Well-Being Department, ensuring foster care community feedback is received by all partners who collectively impact the intertwined elements of the foster care and prevention systems. The holistic approach of the CFSAB has acted as a conduit for reducing siloes amongst child and family serving stakeholders from various areas of the foster care and prevention systems by bringing together individuals and groups that were historically fragmented from each another. If approved, the amendments to the CFSAB ordinance will similarly incorporate the work of the Polinsky Children’s Center Advisory Board and the San Diego Foster Care Services Committee into work of the CFSAB.

In accordance with the Board’s Sunset Review Process, Policy A-76, the County Health and Human Services Agency periodically reviews Board Policies, County Administrative Codes, and Regulatory Codes to ensure policies and codes reflect current Board standards and practices.

Today’s actions seek Board approval to amend and repeal provisions of the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to:

- The Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County;
- The Polinsky Children’s Center Advisory Board; and
- The San Diego County Foster Care Services Committee

The ordinance will be introduced to the Board on May 23, 2023, and if approved, will be scheduled for adoption on June 13, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on June 13, 2023, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance’s adoption.

This item supports the County’s vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically underserved as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished as these County Administrative Codes provide a framework for a county that is healthy, safe, and thriving, specifically for one of our most vulnerable populations, families involved with the foster care system.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On May 23, 2023:

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN’S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

If on May 23, 2023, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on June 13, 2023

Consider and adopt (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN’S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommended changes support the San Diego County Board of Supervisors’ framework for achieving better outcomes for the community. The recommended changes to San Diego County Administrative Code 84.500, Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB), ensures the CFSAB receives feedback from stakeholders and community members regarding the implementation, progress, and resources of the Office of Child Safety’s programs and services designed to serve families in a consistent and equitable manner. The integration of the Polinsky Children’s Center (PCC) and Foster Care Services communities into the larger CFSAB continues to promote transparency for all involved, as the same information is shared among stakeholders and streamlined feedback is provided for consideration by the CFSAB.

Merging the PCC Advisory Board and the Foster Care Services Committee into the CFSAB ensures all areas of the prevention and child welfare systems are included. The composition changes of CFSAB members to include adding a member from child abuse and juvenile justice prevention, supports the newly formed Child and Family Well-Being Department’s commitment to engaging in prevention work with children and families. The addition of prevention to the CFSAB will provide feedback and a lens set to reduce disproportionality in the foster care system by partnering with the community to prevent increased child abuse reporting in overrepresented communities and working with families to support efforts at keeping children safe from abuse or neglect and intervention by the Office of Child Safety.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions strive for programs and operations that reflect the County of San Diego's (County) values and priorities. By aligning with the County's Sustainability Goals, the changes reflect more equitable, sustainable, and impactful practices. Specifically, the consolidation of advisory boards as recommended, aligns with Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways by streamlining information to and from the public to ensure that it does not get siloed into one committee or advisory board, when the areas of child welfare supports, services, resources, and staffing are intertwined. Today's actions also align with Sustainability Goal #2 providing just and equitable access to county services, resource allocation, and decision-making by facilitating review of all components of the child well-being system in one setting, ensuring stakeholders' input and feedback is received and considered by all appropriate parties. This consolidation provides increased transparency with all child and family serving stakeholders collaborating with the County to move forward towards the goals of community engagement and equitable access that will have lasting impacts on the assessment, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement processes of child welfare activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations. There will be no change in net general fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, amending Section 84.702 (g)(12) of the proposed ordinance to read: "A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center with a preference for a representative form Promises2Kids", and took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 13, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter

