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Hi Supervisors,

I thought that HHSA was all about protecting the well-being of the child and family. There is an imperative need to transform the child welfare system toward prevention, with a focus on the earliest of interventions, and an overall change to a more equitable approach to reducing child maltreatment. What is the child welfare system doing, if not this? Sounds like we are wasting a lot of money setting up a special department for what we are already doing.

And then the Board has the nerve to use 3-year old 2020 SANDAG data in the equity statement to justify this. Can it not even afford a data update?

While the State is running a huge deficit and our finances are going down the drain, a department of duplicative services is bound to be a huge waste of our tax dollars.

You need to reject this wasteful measure.

Regards,

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