

Proposed New Principle for Committee Consideration – **Children and Families**

Narrative:

Santa Barbara County oversees two auxiliary efforts around Children and Families: First 5 SBC and KIDS Network. First 5 Santa Barbara County was established in 1999 after California voters passed Proposition 10 which imposed a 50-cent sales tax on tobacco products and is part of the California State Association of Counties. Prop 10 statute states that counties will direct resources to address the greatest need of communities surrounding family resiliency, comprehensive health and development, quality early learning, and systems sustainability and scale. The KIDS Network is a planning and program development body created by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in 1991 to advise them on children, youth and family issues. It also operates as a countywide network of agencies and individuals dedicated to implementing comprehensive, collaborative and integrated services for children, youth and families.