

## **Chapter 2.38 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

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#### **2.38.010 Membership.**

A. Pursuant to the provisions of Health and Safety Code § 130140, there is created a nine-member children and families commission (“commission”) of Fresno County whose members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors.

B. The nine-member commission shall consist of the following persons:

Group 1. Two members of the commission shall be from among the county health officer and persons responsible for management of the following county functions: children’s services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

Group 2. One member of the commission shall be a member of the board of supervisors.

Group 3. Six members of the commission shall be from among the persons described in Group 1 above and persons from the following categories: recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

C. The board of supervisors shall appoint by majority vote the board of supervisors member, the two members from group 1, and one at-large member from group 3. The board of supervisors member shall serve a two-year term and the other three members appointed by majority vote shall serve a four-year term. These terms shall commence at noon on the first Monday after January 1st of the calendar year appointed and end at noon on the first Monday after January 1st in which the term expires.

D. Each member of the board of supervisors shall nominate one member from group 3 who shall be a resident from the nominating board member’s district. The board of supervisors may reject such nominee, whereupon the supervisor making the nomination may nominate another person until one acceptable to the board of supervisors is appointed. The district representative appointee shall serve a term coterminous with the respective member of the board of supervisors nominating them.

E. All members, including the district resident appointee, can be removed at any time for any reason by a four-fifths vote of the board of supervisors. The person appointed to fill a vacancy so created shall serve the remaining term for which the person so removed was appointed. Each commissioner shall, however, continue to serve until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

F. The commission annually shall elect a chair from among commission members to serve a one-year term that begins January 1st of each year.

(Ord. 04-005 § 2 (part): Ord. 99-012 § 1 (part): Ord. 99-009 § 1 (part): Ord. 99-003 § 1: Ord. 99-001 § 1 (part): Ord. 98-017 § 3 (part).)

#### **2.38.020 Compensation, duties and administration.**

A. Commission members shall not be compensated except that they shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, including, but not limited to travel, mileage and childcare, for attending

meetings and discharging other official responsibilities as provided by the board of supervisors in the Fresno County salary resolution and authorized by the commission.

B. The commission shall develop bylaws which shall be presented to the board of supervisors for review and comment after adoption by the commission. The bylaws shall at a minimum provide for meetings, election of officers, and the creation of advisory committees, as required by the California Children and Families First Act of 1998 (hereinafter "the Act"), to provide the technical and professional expertise and support for any purpose beneficial in accomplishing the purposes of the Act.

C. The commission may utilize county departments to provide administrative support for the commission. The actual costs of such administrative services provided by county departments shall be a charge against the Children and Families Trust Fund created for the purpose of accounting for the use of revenues appropriated to the commission by the Act.

D. The commission shall comply with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental organizations including budget, accounting and reporting pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Controller of the State of California.

E. The commission shall develop purchasing and contracting policies and procedures consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

F. The commission shall measure the outcomes of county-funded programs through the use of applicable, reliable indicators and review that information on a periodic basis as part of the public review of its county strategic plan.

(Ord. 06-009 § 1: Ord. 04-005 § 2 (part): Ord. 99-012 § 1 (part): Ord. 99-009 § 1 (part): Ord. 99-001 § 1 (part).)

### **2.38.030 County strategic plan--Revisions--Annual audit.**

A. The commission shall adopt a county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within Fresno County. The county strategic plan shall be consistent with, and in furtherance of the purposes of, the Act and any guidelines adopted by the California Children and Families Commission pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 130125(b), that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted. The county strategic plan shall, at a minimum, include the following: a description of the goals and objectives proposed to be attained; a description of the programs, services, and projects proposed to be provided, sponsored, or facilitated; and a description of how measurable outcomes of such programs, services, and projects will be determined by the commission using appropriate indicators. No county strategic plan shall be deemed adequate or complete until and unless the plan describes how programs, services and projects relating to early childhood development within Fresno County will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system.

B. The proposed county strategic plan shall be provided to the board of supervisors for a period of thirty days prior to the commission's approval of the strategic plan, to allow the board of supervisors to review the proposed plan and to provide comment at a board of supervisors meeting if warranted. The commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on its proposed county strategic plan. Following the commission's approval of the strategic plan, the commission shall submit the strategic plan to the board of supervisors and California Children and Families Commission.

C. The commission shall, on an annual basis, review the county strategic plan and prepare proposed revisions as may be necessary. Proposed revisions to the county strategic plan shall be provided to the board of supervisors for a period of thirty days prior to the commission's approval of the revisions, to allow the board of supervisors to review the proposed revisions and to provide comment at a board of supervisors meeting if warranted. The commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on any proposed revisions to the county strategic plan. Following adoption by the commission, the commission shall submit its approved revisions to the county strategic plan to the board of supervisors and California Children and Families Commission.

D. The commission shall prepare and adopt an annual audit and report pursuant to the Health and Safety Code § 130150. The commission shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed annual report and audit. The annual audit and report, after adoption by the county commission,

shall be submitted to the board of supervisors at a public meeting and California Children and Families Commission.

E. The commission shall conduct a public hearing on each annual report by the California Children and Families Commission that is prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 130150(b), and present such annual report at public meeting of the board of supervisors. (Ord. 04-005 § 2 (part); Ord. 99-012 § 1 (part); Ord. 99-009 § 1 (part); Ord. 99-001 § 1 (part); 98-017 § 3 (part).)