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**SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
QUALITY/CARES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, January 9, 2012 1:00 p.m.
Child Action, Inc., 9800 Old Winery Place, Sacramento CA 95827

AGENDA

ALLOTTED TIME*	ORDER OF BUSINESS	ITEM TYPE(S)
	Call to Order	
5 min	Review of Agenda & Approval of Minutes	Action
20 min	Review Final Draft of Chapter 4 & 5 of the LPC Plan ○ Check Resources	Discussion
30 min	CARES Policy Review ○ Update on Track 2 Changes ○ Track 5b Status	Action/ Discussion
5 min	Other Business	Information
	Adjournment	
*Estimated time for item. Actual time per item may be less than allotted time.		

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Action Item: CARES Policy Review: Track 5b Status

Track 5b was created to develop a cohort of skilled Early Childhood Professionals who are trained to conduct the Harms/Clifford Environmental Rating Scales for the Sacramento Child Care Community. Track 5b applicants must hold a minimum of a Master Teacher Permit and complete ECE 455: Environmental Assessments offered through the Los Rios Community College District with a grade of A.

Currently there are over 30 assessors in Track 5b who conduct assessments throughout the year and earn \$500 per assessment. Each assessment requires about 10 hours of observation and record keeping. In 2010/2011 over 140 assessments were conducted in center classrooms and family child care homes. In addition Track 5b participants are required to attend quarterly meetings where continued training is conducted. The average stipend earned was \$2,000.

Recent changes in the funding of the Sacramento CARES program has resulted in reductions staffing for the CARES program and also reduced the number of assessments that must be conducted. In 2011/12 we expect to conduct 80 assessments, or 2.6 assessments per assessor. This is a reduction of 50%

Recommendation:

For the 2012 CARES year we recommend placing a hold on adding any more assessors to the existing Track 5b cohort.

- The existing group of 5b assessors is highly competent and skilled in conducting the assessments and providing accurate documentation.
- The reduction in the number of assessments limits the number of assessors we will need.
- The need to train and mentor new assessors will be eliminated for the year.

First Year Track 5b applicants who complete the requirements and coursework will continue to receive stipends of \$750. They will be placed on a wait list and can join the assessor cohort as members leave.

ACTION: