



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held December 17, 2002, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County is home to the largest urban American Indian population in the United States. It is important to recognize and support the variety of health and social issues facing American Indian children and families. Urban American Indians do not have the same access to services as Indians residing on or living near reservations. The availability of data is critical for securing funding for Indian specific programs, to accurately depict their needs, and to ensure they are accessing services.

“On July 3, 2001 our Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to respond to the motion regarding the ‘Urban American Indian Children In Los Angeles County: An Investigation of Available Data’ report. The response submitted on November 19, 2001 stated how best to utilize the recommendations contained therein to improve the lives of American Indian children and their families in Los Angeles County.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer's Service Integration Branch, in collaboration with the Directors of Children and Family Services, Health Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Community and Senior Services and the Chief Probation Officer was instructed to implement the following actions to recognize and support the variety of health and social issues facing American Indian children and families throughout Los Angeles County:

- 1 Ensure that staff consistently collects ethnic information by asking their clients to self-identify their ethnicity and self-identify tribe;

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2. Include data on American Indian/Alaskan Natives (AI/ANs) in reports and studies when data on other ethnic groups is included and not combine AI/ANs into an amalgamated category entitled, "other" when collecting and reporting data. The exception to this is for the purpose of conducting statistical analyses when one or more ethnic group's small sample size compromises the power of the statistical tests that can be employed when multiracial groupings are permitted. In instances where this occurs, the ethnicities and their proportions should be identified for the "other" category in the report;
3. Collect and report sensitive data on AI/ANs particularly in terms of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse cases;
4. When feasible, over-sample AI/ANs when conducting research studies so that adequate comparisons can be made between AI/ANs and other ethnic sub-samples;
5. All data reports indicate whether the AI/AN data is not available, not analyzed, and/or the sample size was too small for statistical purposes;
6. To work with the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LAC/C NAIC) and the American Indian Children's Council (AICC) to ensure AI/AN issues are represented and addressed especially in regard to improving access to services and data sharing;
7. Work with the Children's Planning Council to support AI/AN research related activities;
8. Work to enhance the availability of child care for AI/AN children and support efforts to secure funding for specific needs of Indian-directed child care service centers; and
9. Explore the ability to structure County funding opportunities as they occur to enable a single proposal to be submitted which represents the Countywide service needs of the AI/ANs that is not restricted by geographic boundaries,

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10. Request County Counsel, in consultation with the California Indian Legal Services, to develop language for the County to recognize the government to government relationship that exists between the Federal government and Federally recognized Indian tribes.

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