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Kern County Children and Families Commission
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Commissioners

Al Sandrini
Chairperson

Re: Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events

Rick Robles
Vice Chairperson

Commissioners:

Dena Murphy
Treasurer

The purpose of this letter is to report to the Commission on an expenditure made under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events.

Claudia Jonah, M.D.
Secretary

The Kern Early Stars, coordinated by the Early Childhood Services of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, is hosting events in Bakersfield and Ridgecrest, with over 120 early child education providers in attendance. They have requested financial assistance to help offset the costs.

Sam Aunai

Supervisor David Couch

The event focuses on the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), a statewide and national movement to enhance early childhood programs and positive outcomes for children from birth to five years of age. The project requires commitment from participants towards continuous quality improvement beyond minimum licensing standards. 80 child development centers and licensed family child care providers participated throughout the county.

Susan Lerude

Jennie Sill

Lucinda Wasson

Alternate Commissioners

The expenditure of **\$2,500** was approved under the Commission's Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events. This policy provides, in part, that the Commission may provide funding to community partners to support activities, such as community awareness and education programs, and events that are in alignment with the Commission's Guiding Principles and Strategic Plan. The Commission may directly participate in such activities and events, but may also rely on contractors, grantees and other community partners to advocate for and promote community awareness of Commission issues, goals and funding opportunities. The policy also provides that the Executive Director may approve such expenditures and must then report the expenditure to the Commission.

Michelle Curioso

Heather Hornibrook

Supervisor Leticia Perez

Antanette Reed

Executive Director

Roland Maier

IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Commission receive and file this letter.

Sincerely,

Roland Maier
Executive Director

cc: **Tammy Burns, Manager, Early Childhood Services, KCSOS and Kern Early Stars**