



P R E S S R E L E A S E

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 10, 2009

Contact: Muffy Berryhill
(530) 229-8300

SOCIAL SERVICES MANAGER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER TO FIRST 5 SHASTA

REDDING-----The program manager of Adoptions, Foster Care Licensing, and Court Services for Shasta County's Department of Social Services, Health and Human Services Agency, has been appointed to the Shasta Children and Families First Commission, also known as First 5 Shasta. As one of seven Shasta Commissioners, Jane Wilson replaces Barbara Howell in representing social services. Commissioners are appointed by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, in compliance with the California Children and Families Act (Proposition 10). Wilson officially took her seat on the Commission on February 25, 2009.

Jane Wilson's many years of experience in the social services field will benefit the Commission as she contributes to making decisions about the distribution and implementation of the county's Proposition 10 revenues. Wilson will also serve on the Commission's Personnel and Program subcommittees.

COMMISSION OFFICERS At the last Commission meeting, Jennifer Moranda, MD, was elected chairperson of the Commission. Other officers include vice-chairman Andrew Deckert, MD, MPH, and secretary/treasurer Supervisor Linda Hartman.

Members of the Shasta Commission are:

Andrew Deckert, M.D., M.P.H., Public Health Officer, Shasta County Public Health
Supervisor Linda Hartman, Health & Welfare Liaison, Shasta County Board of Supervisors
Jennifer Moranda, MD, Mountain View Family Medical Group
Barbara Lapp, Local Child Care Planning Council
Judie Englesby-Smith, Community Member & Former Director, Shasta Head Start
Maxine Wayda, Clinical Division Chief, Shasta County Mental Health
Jane Wilson, Program Manager, Shasta County Social Services

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0-to-5. First 5 Shasta has invested over \$12 million in our community, committing Prop. 10 revenues to programs and services that meet local needs.

###