



Board Membership and Appointment Structure:

The Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, including:

- One member of the Board of Supervisors;
- Two members recommended by the County Executive Officer. The members recommended by the County Executive Officer shall be selected 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;
- A representative recommended by the Child Care Planning Council;
- The remaining five members shall be selected from among members of the Ventura County Children, Family and Community Commission nominated, one each, by the members of the Board of Supervisors, who are either described in (2) above or are: (a) recipients of project services included in the plan; (b) educators specializing in early childhood development; (c) representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency or child care coordinating group; (d) representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; (e) representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; (f) representatives of local school districts; or (g) representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

Terms:

The attached matrix provides an overview of the membership, each position's term

Involvement/Relationship of Board to Staff:

The Executive Director reports directly to the Commission. The Commission meets on a monthly basis.

In our last strategic planning session, Commission members asked staff to develop recommendations, which would be a place to begin discussions and give them something that they could react to. Several special planning sessions were held between staff and Commissioners to discuss, refine, and ultimately finalize the strategic plan. Community forums are also conducted as part of our strategic planning process. The Commission's standing committees provide input on the strategic plan, program development, and funding decisions.