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To: Allan Sweet, Chair of the Community Services Committee

From: Scott Peters, Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee

Re: Program Area VI Children and Families Funding Recommendations

On behalf of the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee I have enclosed the Community Resources 2013-2014 funding recommendations for Program Area VI Children and Families. The 2014 funding recommendations for Program Area VI would be the same as 2013 barring contract compliance issues or budgetary changes.

The proposals submitted and reviewed addressed:

- 1) Direct Service to provide affordable high quality childcare to children (minus the school age programs in neighborhood centers)
- 2) Parent Education and Resources
- 3) Training and Professional Development for child care staff

The committee would like to compliment staff on their efficiency and coordination of the proposal review process including the binder documents, agency questions and answers, agency presentations and the budget. The information provided by the Community Services staff allowed the ECCEC to make highly-informed decisions based on key indicators of program quality and effectiveness. The staff were also highly-adept at facilitating agency responses to committee questions allowing for the best decisions to be made for all parties.

In this time of a declining economy and tight budgets, the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee recognizes and is concerned about the economy's impact on the stability on low income families. The need for services and the pressure this puts on agencies providing services for children and families is increasing. The City of Madison has consistently been a leader in this area, but more support is needed for children and families. The Committee recommends that additional funds be allocated to the Community Development Funding Process.

Please feel free to contact me regarding ECCEC deliberations, proposals or funding decision. I plan on being present at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> CSC funding hearing.

Respectfully,

Scott J. Peters, Ph.D.  
Chair, Early Childhood Care and Education Committee