



**Agenda Item No. 1
December 7, 2011 Meeting**

DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Progress Report and Work Plan for Community Clinic Catalytic Investment

SUMMARY:

The Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget includes \$650,000 within the Community Clinic budget for catalytic investment. Catalytic investments are one-time funding investments which achieve one or more of the following outcomes: 1) reduce or eliminate ongoing funding allocations from the Commission; 2) innovative, high-impact projects that yield multi-year service strategies; or 3) provide the necessary infrastructure or start-up funding to allow for sustainability through external funding sources.

Community Clinic Catalytic Investments

Through the Commission's investments over the past 10 years, the quality and capacity of community clinics has been significantly expanded with both the growth in the number of new community clinics and additional capacity of previously existing clinics to provide pediatric primary care services. The Commission Community Clinic investments include; Friends of Families, Sierra Health, Hurtt Family Health Center, Alta Med, Share Our Selves (El Sol Location), St. Jude, and Nhan Hoa.

In the Commission's FY 11/12 budget \$650,000 is allocated to support sustainability of the community clinic network and primary care services. This funding would be used to solicit matching funds, joint funding opportunities, and support local efforts to achieve Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status or an equivalent sustainability strategy. As part of an initial work plan, the Coalition of Community Health Centers was to facilitate input from Commission funded clinics to identify investments that would create or expand additional revenue streams.

The Coalition has developed an initial strategy concept that includes;

- Adoption of Electronic Health Records
- Completion of the National Committee Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition Home
- Efforts to increase the county's designation for Medically Underserved Area (MUA) , Medically Underserved Population (MUP), and Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- Development of a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner resident program within the clinic

The next steps in the work plan include continuing to meet with each clinic to finalize catalytic concepts, identify which clinic will participate in each strategy, and conduct budget analyses to identify areas in the Commission's budget for future reductions. Commission consultant Debra Beauregard will be working closely with the Coalition and the individual clinics to develop the final proposal that will be submitted to the Commission for funding action in February.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The Commission's Strategic Plan remains unchanged and the proposed priority outcomes and strategies are consistent with Healthy Children goal. The proposed actions are consistent with the Approved FY 2011/12 Budget and Operating Plan.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- September 2011- Progress Report on Catalytic Investments

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and approve work plan for the Community Clinic Catalytic Investment Budget

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