



**Agenda Item No. 2
March 2, 2011 Meeting**

DATE: February 18, 2011
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Component Funding Actions

SUMMARY:

This past year, the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network and its component programs have been reviewed to identify opportunities to consolidate services and redesign program elements to adhere to the Commission’s financial constraints. Recommendations for a redesigned program were presented in May 2010 for Commission consideration. Funding for the Prenatal Home Visitation and Public Health Nursing Home Visitation program components is recommended.

Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Review

Since February 2000, the Commission funded the Bridges for Newborns and Project Connections Early Action Programs to increase health access for very young children. In addition, the Commission funded several programs targeted at strengthening families for the purpose of promoting healthy early child development. Attachment 1 includes the key programmatic components of the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network and the redesigned scope of services. Collectively, the Bridges Network redesign resulted in an approximate 20 percent savings in on-going program costs while continuing to focus resources on outcomes to help ensure that children are:

- born healthy
- have and use a health home for comprehensive health services to include physical and dental services along with access to receiving age appropriate immunizations
- have access to early screening so conditions are identified, assessed, and managed
- raised in healthy and safe environments

Prenatal and Public Health Nursing Home Visitation Program Components

Significant features of the Bridges program redesign included:

Prenatal Home Visitation	Provide leadership in prenatal outreach, education, and technical assistance to develop partnership with OB’s and improves referral linkages.
Public Health Nursing	Provide flexibility to redeploy resources to target priorities within changing service demands. Strengthen referral management across Network.
Fiscal Leveraging	Continue to participate in Medi-Cal Targeted Case Management to leverage Commission funding and reinvest funds back into the program.
Network	Build strategic partnerships to ensure responsive services for families to support strong maternal child health outcomes such as: breastfeeding, age appropriate immunizations, health home, developmental screening, nutrition, and child safety.

Neither the Prenatal Home Visitation nor the Public Health Nursing Home Visitation program components were recommended for funding last year since their existing contract terms continued through June 30, 2011. The requested action is to add a one-year funding extension for these programs, which would allow all Bridges Maternal Child Health Network provider contract terms to continue through June 2012. Consistent with the reduction in total funding achieved through the Bridges redesign, recommended funding for these program components include a 5 percent reduction in funds for the community based agency and 10 percent reduction for the County Public Health Nursing programs.

These component programs would continue to participate in the Medi-Cal Targeted Case Management (TCM) reimbursement program which generates on the average close to \$100,000 in revenue for each Public Health Nursing position funded by the Commission. Bridges component funding is contingent on a review of TCM tracking systems to confirm actual program costs and reinvestment into Commission funded programs.

Funding for the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network is recommended as described in Attachment 2.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The recommended action has been reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Healthy Children goal. Funding for the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network allocations indicated on Attachment 1 are included in the Commission's Long Term Financial Plan and would be developed into the Commission's FY 2011/12 Proposed Budget recommendations.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- May 2010 – Bridges Network funding authorized
- March 2010 – Bridges Network recommendations received
- May 2009 – Funding authorized for Public Health Nursing and MOMS Orange County
- August 2002 – Bridges for Newborns Program Strategic Business Plan approved
- February 2000 – Bridges and Project Connections Early Action Programs approved

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Adopt Resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare Amendments to Agreements with the designated organizations to provide Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Component Services for the terms and amounts and on the conditions as indicated on Attachment 2.

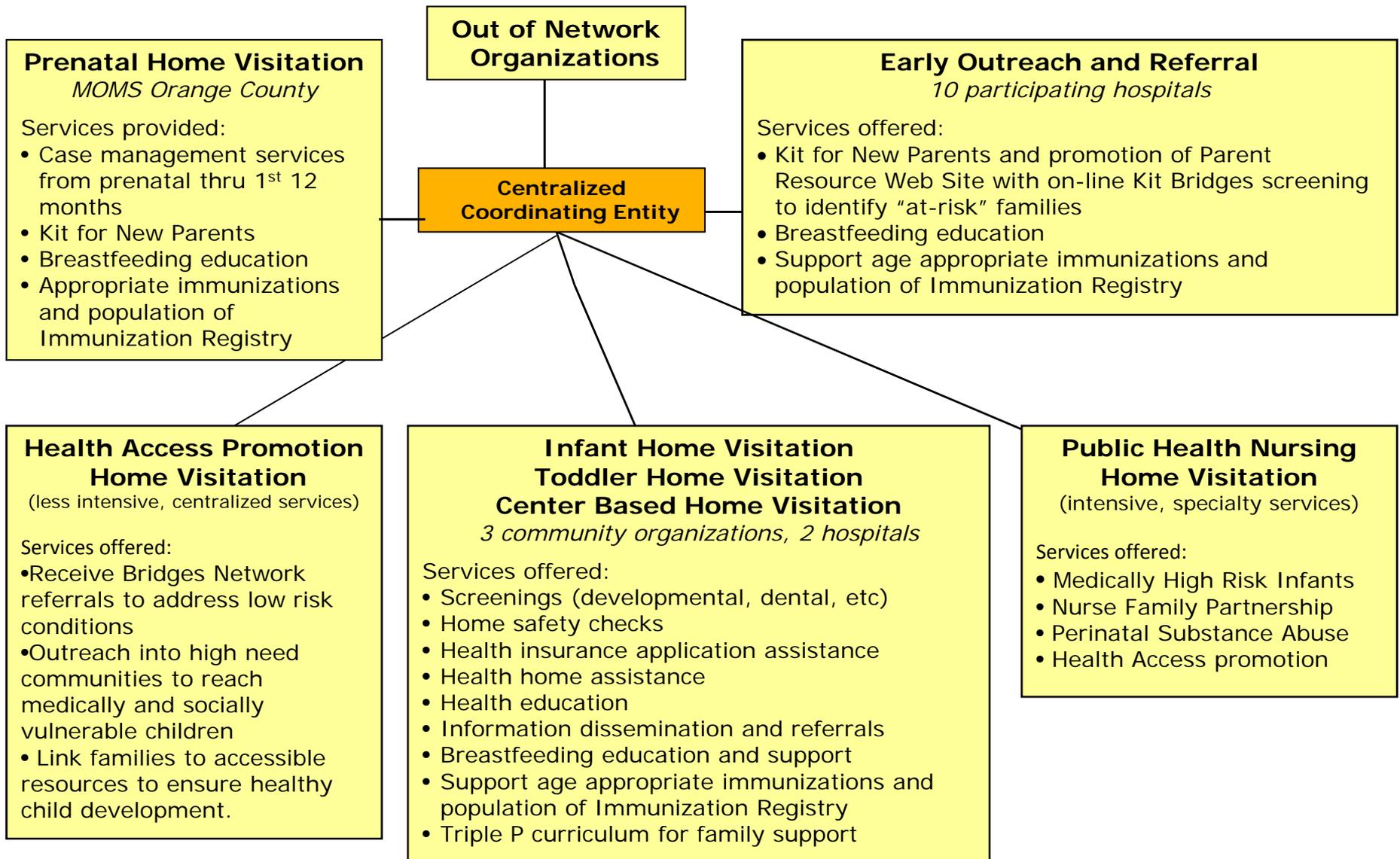
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bridges Maternal Child Health Network: Scope of Services
2. Recommended Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Component Funding
3. Resolution for Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Component Funding

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Attachment 1

Bridges Maternal Child Health Network: Scope of Services



Bridges Maternal Child Health Network - Component Funding Recommendations

Scope	Agreement Number	Organization	Program	Description	Term	Current Annual Funding	Proposed Reduction	FY 11/12 Funding Amount
Prenatal Home Visitation	F04-HV-07	MOMS Orange County	Paso a Paso	Provide case management services, prenatal through the infant's first year. Home visits during the child's first year emphasizing maternal and child health and infant development through screening and education.	12 month extension through June 30, 2012	\$850,000	\$42,500 5%	\$807,500
Public Health Nursing	County Master agreement (MOU)	County of Orange Health Care Agency	Perinatal Substance Abuse Services	Provide health care coordination, health education, and case management services to pregnant women with histories of substance abuse and/or HIV infection in order to help ensure that their newborns are born healthy and drug free and to promote stable home environments for the infants. 2 Senior PHN	12 month extension through June 30, 2012	\$178,050	\$17,805 10%	\$160,245
Public Health Nursing	County Master agreement (MOU)	County of Orange Health Care Agency	Bridges-Medically High Risk Infants	Provide case management and nursing care to the families of high risk newborns to ensure the optimal health status of the infant with special needs, demonstrated parenting skills of the caregivers, and supportive family dynamics that promote attachment and parental coping. 5.0 PHN, 1 Supervising PHN	12 month extension through June 30, 2012	\$630,000	\$63,000 10%	\$567,000
Public Health Nursing	County Master agreement (MOU)	County of Orange Health Care Agency	Health Access Promotion	Provide outreach to the community and home visitation and referral services for assessed health needs. 7.5. PHN, 1 Supervising PHN	12 month extension through June 30, 2012	\$915,000	\$91,500 10%	\$823,500
Public Health Nursing	County Master agreement (MOU)	County of Orange Health Care Agency	Nurse Family Partnership	Provides home based comprehensive case management services focusing on maternal and child health and development during pregnancy and through the child's second year. 4 PHN, 1 Supervising PHN	12 month extension through June 30, 2012	\$324,000	\$32,400 10%	\$291,600
					TOTAL FUNDING	\$2,897,050	\$247,205 9%	\$2,649,845

PHN = Public Health Nurse

Note: In addition to Commission funding, all listed programs are expanded by reinvestment of Targeted Case Management reimbursements.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-11-C&FC

March 2, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE BRIDGES MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH NETWORK SERVICES; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the “Act”) implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County’s children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2009 and May 5, 2010 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreements with designated organizations to provide Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Services through June 30, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Amendments to Agreements with each of the Organizations, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” in each of the Amendments to Agreements authorized herein, to provide Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 2 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, each Contractor desires to enter into the applicable Amendments to Agreements in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Amendments to Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the March 2, 2011 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendments to Agreements are in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Commission Chair and Commission Clerk to execute the Amendments to Agreements with each of the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions specified in Attachment 2 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2 Commission authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts described in Attachment 2 to this Agenda Item to provide Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, consistent with the March 2, 2011 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the Amendments to Agreements shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendments to Agreements by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendments to Agreements with each of the Contractors as described in Attachment 2 to this Agenda Item to provide Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, as specified in the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item.

Section 5 The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Amendments to Agreements on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of each final Amendment to Agreement when executed by the Commission Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Commission shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibit A to this Resolution. Exhibit A is hereby fully incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference and made a part hereof. Each final executed Amendment to Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

Section 7 In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director, or designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Agreement(s), (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement(s), and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement(s) in the furtherance thereof.

Section 8 The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy(ies) of final executed Amendments to Agreements)