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Commission of Orange County

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**Agenda Item No. 2
April 4, 2007 Meeting**

COUNTY BOARD
ORANGE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 19, 2007

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Renewal of Prior Funding Awards

SUMMARY:

The Commission's Program and Capacity Building grants are competitive grants in which agencies design programs they believe will serve a specific need either in a geographic area or population. In some of these grant awards, the Commission grants a conditional funding award to agencies that apply for funding. In the last cycle of program grant renewals, there were three conditional awards and in the Summer 2005 Capacity Building grant cycle there was one. At this time staff is recommending renewal of funding for all 4 programs. Since the conditions of the grant award have been satisfied.

Program Grant Renewals:

In January 2006, the Commission approved a renewal application process for program grant agreements, and in April 2006 approved funding for 29 programs in the total amount of \$11,795,400 for 24 months commencing on July 1, 2006. The review panel recommended that three programs receive one year of funding, with conditions. These programs were: Child Guidance Center, Down Syndrome Association of Orange County and Child Shuttle Inc. The intention of the one year funding award with conditions was to investigate other funding opportunities and to allow time to work with these grantees to develop leveraging strategies and or partnerships with other Commission funded programs.

Staff has worked with and reviewed the progress of these programs in seeking partnerships with additional leveraging resources and other Commission funded programs and is recommending Amendments to existing Agreements for an additional year of funding. Attachment 1, *Program Grant Renewals*, is a summary of original conditions of funding, progress achieved during the first year, and funding levels for the next fiscal year.

Capacity Building Extension:

In October 2005, the Commission approved funding for 5 Capacity Building grant agreements. The Kinship Center program, Stimulating Teaching Advocating Responding (STAR) program was funded conditional on developing the program's Needs Assessment component, with a report and presentation to be submitted to the Commission's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Kinship Center presented the Needs Assessment report to TAC on March 14, 2007.

As presented to TAC, the STAR program would be an expansion of Kinship Center's services, focused on recruiting foster and adoptive parents for developmentally delayed, medically fragile children and high risk infants. Through the development of the needs assessment, the Kinship Center found that there is not only a need for families for these children but that the foster or adoptive families of these children will need ongoing support and services. It was also found that although there are several foster care and adoption agencies in Orange County, none has a special program to target recruitment and training of adoptive homes for developmentally delayed, medically fragile children or high risk infants. Kinship Center also worked with the County's Social Service Agency and was able to identify over 500 children ages 0-5 that are currently in out of home placements that are either medically fragile, drug exposed, HIV positive, or otherwise classified as a Regional Center client.

Commission's TAC unanimously supports additional funding for the Kinship Center to complete a business plan for the STAR program. Recommendations include focusing on best practices models and outreach to recruit and retain foster families for special needs children 0-5. Attachment 1, Capacity Building Extension, includes original and extension funding amounts and Technical Advisory Committee recommendations.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed actions are consistent with the Ready to Learn, Strong Families, and Capacity Building goals in the Strategic Plan. The funding requests identified in this agenda item are included in the budget in the undesignated reserves and will be included in the upcoming budget adjustments for FY 06/07.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approve funding recommendations for the following four organizations and programs:
 - a. Child Guidance Center, Inc. (Parent-Child Interaction Therapy),
 - b. Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (Parent Education Program); and
 - c. Chapin-Tolley-Brown Enterprises, Inc., dba Child Shuttle Inc., (Child Shuttle Too)
 - d. Kinship Center, (Stimulating Teaching Advocating Responding).
2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 2) authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements to include term, funding, and conditions as described in Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Funding Recommendations
2. Resolution

Contact: Kim Pfeiffer-Goll

Attachment 1:
Program Grant Renewals

Agreement Number	Lead Agency (Program)	Strategic Plan Goal Area	Funding 7/1/06-6/30/07	Recommended Funding 7/1/07-6/30/08	Total	Original conditions of funding	Progress 2006-2007
F03-SF-06	Child Guidance Center (Parent Child Interaction Therapy)	Strong Families	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	Possible EPSDT leveraging, recommend one year allocation until determination can be made about leveraging.	Working with Commission and HCA to expand leveraging opportunity. Nine clinicians are trained in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy and providing services to 60 families annually. Three additional EPSDT funded staff are currently in training. Grantee anticipates expanding EPSDT eligible services and coordinating with school readiness nurses, public health nurses, and family resource centers.
F09-RL-06	Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (Parent Education Program)	Ready to Learn	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	Integrate program with Commission Bridges for Newborns platform.	Grantee is participating in Commission's Bridges for Newborns services and is coordinating services with the school readiness initiative. Due to comprehensive nature of services to specific population, integration into only one Commission initiative is not an effective strategy for this program.
F11-SF-06	Chapin Tolley-Brown Enterprise, Inc. DBA Child Shuttle Inc. (Child Shuttle Too)	Strong Families	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Provide funding for operational cost for one year. Grantee is eligible to apply for a capacity building grant or similar grant funding to develop sustainable business plan for organization. Any additional funding will be based on grantee compliance with the expanded grantee monitoring recommendations.	Grantee applied for and received funding through the Commission's Capacity Building Grant Program to develop a business plan for the organization. As part of the Capacity Building Grant and the development of the business plan grantee is working on meeting the recommendations of Expanded Grantee Monitoring and building a business plan that reviews different models of revenue such as fee based services.
Total:					\$250,000	\$300,000	\$550,000

Attachment 1: Capacity Building Extension

Agreement Number	Lead Agency (Program)	Strategic Plan Goal Area	Original Funded Amount	Extension Funding Amount	Total	Original conditions of funding	Technical Advisory Committee Recommendations
F08-CB-05	Kinship Center (Stimulating Teaching Advocating Responding)	Capacity Building	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	Conditional on developing the Needs Assessment component only. Report will be submitted to the Commission Technical Advisory Committee for discussion on countywide strategy development.	Complete the business plan with focus on successful and best practices in recruiting and retaining foster care families.

Total: \$75,000

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-07-C&FC

April 4, 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE FINAL AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM GRANT AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS; 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, the Commission previously entered into agreements with each of the organizations specified in Attachment 1 to the April 4, 2007 staff report for this Agenda Item to receive Commission funding in support of the Program Grant and Capacity Building programs promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate the terms and final form of Amendments to Agreements with those organizations to provide additional services under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the April 4, 2007 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 designated organizations, referred to as "Contractor" in the Agreements, for the terms and in amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the April 4, 2007 agenda item.

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, to prepare and negotiate the terms and final form of Amendments to Agreements with the organizations for the terms and in the amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the April 4, 2007 staff report for this Agenda Item and to provide services in support of the Program Grant and Capacity Building Programs consistent with the April 4, 2007 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

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

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendments to Agreements with the organizations for the terms and in the amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the April 4, 2007 Staff Report and to provide services in support of the Program Grant and Capacity Building Programs as specified in the April 4, 2007 staff report.

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 Exhibits A to this Resolution. Exhibits A are 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 Sections 2 and 3 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.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on April 4, 2007 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

DARLENE J. BLOOM
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

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