



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

DATE: October 20, 2011

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Early Developmental Index Project Update

SUMMARY:

Over the last two years, the Commission has worked with the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities to pilot test implementation of the Early Development Index (EDI) in Orange County. EDI is a population-based validated measure of school readiness and healthy development which is designed to be completed on kindergarten children in the spring of the school year. The data addresses how children are developing by the time they reach school age, and the services, supports and environments that influence children in their first five years of life. Participation in EDI was authorized as a condition of funding for Early Learning-School District programs starting in July 2011. This report presents an implementing action for the annual development and mapping of EDI data.

Early Development Index Business Plan

In 2010, a Business Plan was developed that provided recommended strategies for expansion of EDI to Orange County school districts, as well as private schools. The Business Plan provides a three-year implementation strategy to achieve 100 percent participation of Orange County school districts. School district participation is funded through the Commission's existing Early Learning contracts. There is an additional cost to implement the project of approximately \$38,100 per year for data analysis, mapping and reports. Staff recommends amending the current agreement with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to provide technical services for the scheduled spring 2012 implementation of EDI.

To date, eight school districts have participated in EDI including districts in the targeted high need cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Attachment 1 provides an example of data mapped from the spring 2011 implementation.

	# of Cities	# of School Districts	# of Kindergarteners in Public Schools (FY 2010-11)
Orange County	34	25	36,503
EDI Participation	7	8	6,048
% EDI Participation	21%	32%	17%

Commission staff has continued to collaborate in a national network with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, who is implementing the EDI in targeted cities of Michigan, New Mexico and Mississippi, along with the affiliated sites around the country, many supported by local United Way organizations and United Way Worldwide.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The EDI project has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal, among others. This action has also been reviewed in relation to the Commission's outside strategic assessment report, and is consistent with maintaining a focus on directing more resources to support children's early learning needs, enhancing the evaluation system to emphasize improved outcomes for children, and investing in catalytic activities to attract additional resources and sustain growth. Funding is included in the Approved FY 2011-12 Budget within the Capacity Building/Performance Outcome Measurement System component.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- January 2011 - Receive EDI Business Plan and authorize project implementation
- December 2010 - Receive project update
- December 2008 and April 2009 – Authorized Phase 2 of EDI project
- March 2008 - Authorized Phase 1 of EDI project
- April 2007 - Approved review of the feasibility/approach for implementing EDI locally

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

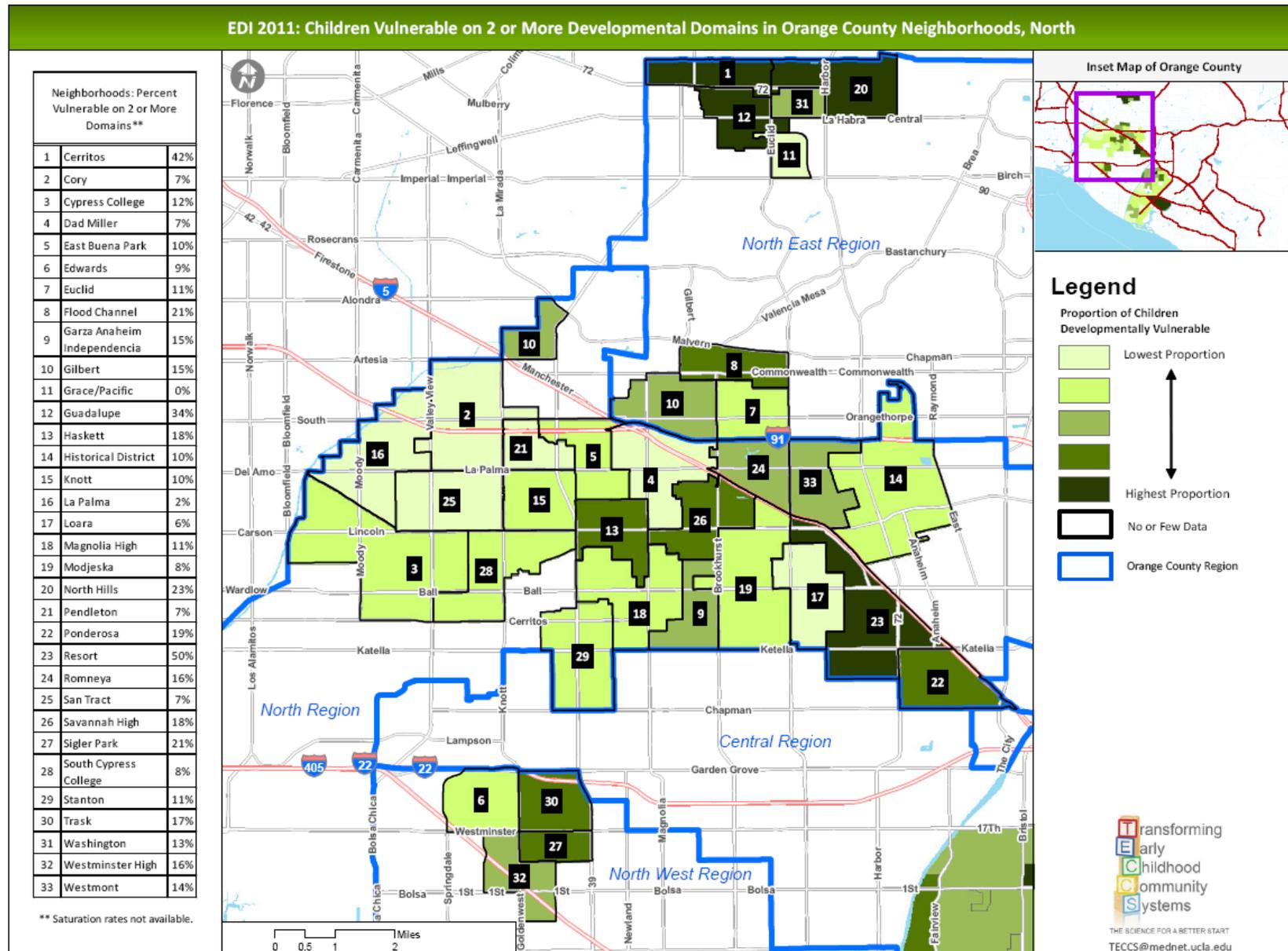
Adopt resolution (Attachment 2) authorizing the Executive Director or designee to prepare and negotiate Amendment to Agreement PS - 93 with the Regents of the University of California (University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities) [UCLA] in an amount not to exceed \$38,100 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to implement the Early Developmental Index.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Early Development Index Maps
2. Resolution to Amend Agreement PS-93 with UCLA

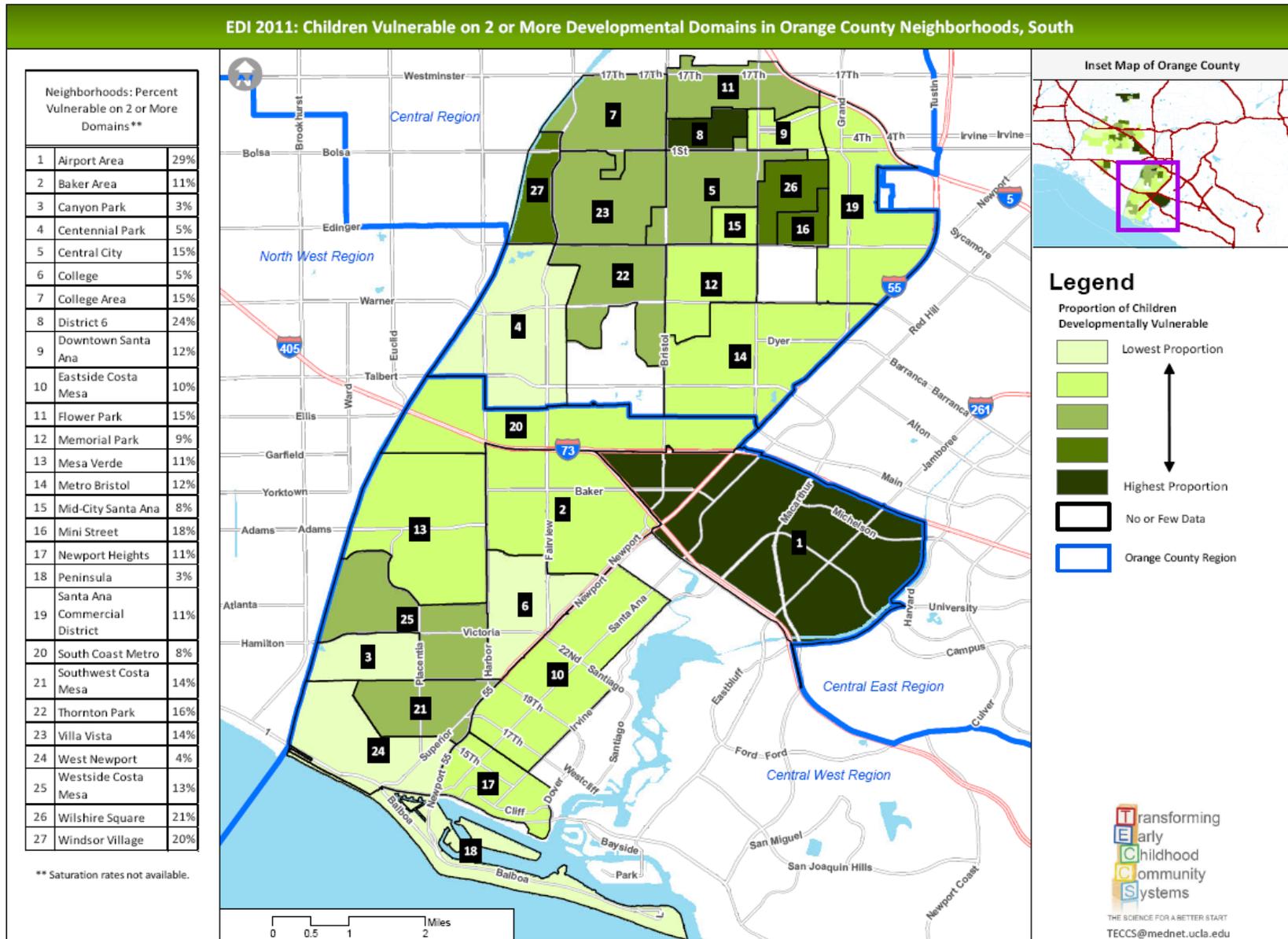
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Attachment 1- Early Development Index Preliminary Maps



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-11-C&FC

November 2, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT PS-93 WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, [UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CENTER FOR HEALTHIER CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES], (UCLA); AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 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 January 5, 2011, Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to prepare and negotiate Agreement PS-93 with The Regents of The University of California, [University of California, Los Angeles, Center For Healthier Children, Families And Communities], (UCLA), in an amount not to exceed \$38,100 for Early Development Index (EDI) Implementation Services for the term January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into a First Amendment to Agreement PS-93 with The Regents of The University of California, [University of California, Los Angeles, Center For Healthier Children, Families And Communities], (UCLA), hereinafter referred to as “Professional” in the Agreement extending the term by twelve months through December 31, 2012 and adding an amount not to exceed \$38,100 for a Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed \$76,200 to continue to provide Early Development Index (EDI) Implementation Services consistent with the staff report for the November 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, the Professional desires to enter into the Amendment to Agreement PS-93 in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Amendment to Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report relating to the Scope of Services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendment to Agreement is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; 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 hereby authorizes the Executive Director or designee to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of a First Amendment to Agreement PS-93 with the Professional to add an amount not to exceed \$38,100 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed \$76,200 to continue to provide Early Development Index (EDI) Implementation Services through December 31, 2012 consistent with the November 2, 2011 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the final First Amendment to Agreement PS-93 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendment to Agreement by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendment to Agreement PS-93 with the Professional, to add an amount not to exceed \$38,100 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed \$76,200 as specified in the November 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 Amendment to Agreement PS-93 on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the 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. The final executed Amendment to Agreement PS-93 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 Amendments to 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 of final executed Amendment to Agreement PS-93 with The Regents of The University of California, [University of California, Los Angeles, Center For Healthier Children, Families And Communities], (UCLA))