



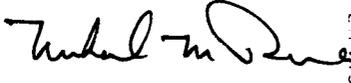
Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

**Agenda Item No. 3
February 4, 2009 Meeting**

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DATE: January 23, 2009

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement for the Mother and Child Residential Homes at Tustin Family Campus

SUMMARY:

At the July, 2008 Commission meeting, your Commission set-aside \$1.5 million to support a mother and child reunification project managed by the Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) located at the Tustin Family Campus on the former Marine Corps Air Station in Tustin. In January 2009, the Orange County Board of Supervisors selected *PROTOTYPES, Center for Innovation in Health, Mental and Social Services* as the project service provider, and the Commission's set-aside funds are now recommended for disbursement.

Mother/Child Reunification Issue

The *Conditions of Children in Orange County* 2008 report identified a 10-year trend increase in the number of infants taken into protective custody as a result of testing positive for alcohol and drug exposure at birth (137 infants in 1997/98 and 158 infants in 2006/07). The 2007 *Orange County Substance Exposed Babies Report* found that 15 percent of all babies were exposed to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs before birth. These results correspond to approximately 6,800 substance exposed babies born each year in Orange County. Since 2005, the Dependency Drug Court program has served more than 200 families. The 2007 *Orange County Collaborative Courts Annual Report* stated that the reunification of 71 children with their parents through the Dependency Drug Court program were reunited an average of 183 days earlier than non-participant reunifications, resulting in a total cost savings of over \$2.2 million, which the County's cost savings share was \$999,577.

Mother/Child Residential Homes Project

The Mother and Child Residential Homes project is a new facility currently under construction at the Tustin Family Campus dwelling complex, and is expected to be completed by spring 2009. In July 2008, the Commission approved funding for SSA to develop a scope of work and budget to support the project. In January 2009, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the selection of *PROTOTYPES, Center for Innovation in Health, Mental and Social Services* as the service provider.

PROTOTYPES will serve Orange County mothers, through the Mother and Child Residential Homes Project, that are SSA clients with children from birth to age five (0-5), have substance abuse issues that impact their parenting and ability to support their children, and could benefit

from a residential program. Mothers will also be involved with the Orange County's Dependency Drug Court program. Participating mothers will have a safe and stable home for their children and the resources and support to develop appropriate parenting. The program will enable mothers to learn and utilize life skills necessary for independence, self-sufficiency, maintenance of a drug free lifestyle, and practice essential skills such as housekeeping, grocery shopping, and meal preparation. Services will be provided for up to 15 families at one time with an expected length of stay between nine and 18 months.

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Orange County Social Services Agency for \$1.5 million to provide transitional support and housing services at the Mother and Child Residential Homes Project. One-time funding of \$150,000 is also recommended for project oversight and start up support for auxiliary services such as childcare. The Commission will provide up to \$100,000 of funding for oversight and compliance support for the project and \$50,000 for costs associated with the start up of a licensed child care center on campus. The one-time funding is contingent on SSA's approval to participate in the Orange County Master Program Services Agreement. The Master Agreement was authorized by the Board of Supervisors in 2007 as a unified contract that negates the need to develop separate program contracts, counsel review, and submittals to the Board of Supervisors to receive Commission funding.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed Agreement has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and the Agreement is consistent with the Strong Families goal, and is designed to further Homelessness Prevention strategies. This funding request is for the amount of \$1,650,000 for a term of 12 months commencing on April 1, 2009. Funding for this item is included in the FY 2008/09 budgets within the Strong Families budget category.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTION:

July 2008 – Approved a \$1.5 million set aside for the Orange County Social Services Agency to develop a scope of work and budget to support the Tustin Family Campus project.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreement FCI-SSA-05 with Orange County Social Services Agency in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide transitional support and housing services at the Mother and Child Residential Homes project for mothers with children 0-5 located at the Tustin Family Campus for a 12 month term beginning on or about April 1, 2009.
2. Authorize the expenditure of \$150,000 under the County of Orange Program Services Agreement to provide program oversight and one-time support for auxiliary services provided at the Mother and Child Residential Homes project located at the Tustin Family Campus for a 12 month period beginning on or about April 1, 2009.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution for Agreement FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange.

Contact: Kim Goll

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-09-C&FC

February 4, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE, AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT NO. FCI-SSA-05 WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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 Executive Director and Commission Counsel have prepared a standard Master Agreement for Services ("Master Agreement"), which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreement No. FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a twelve month term beginning on or about April 1, 2009 to provide transitional support and housing services at the Mother and Child Residential Homes project as specified in the February 4, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item; 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 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 and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Agreement FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a twelve month term beginning on or about April 1, 2009 to provide transitional support and housing services at the

Mother and Child Residential Homes project consistent with the February 4, 2009 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of Agreement FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange shall be substantially similar to the form of the standard Master Agreement, subject to minor, non-substantive revisions as reviewed and approved by the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel. The approval by the Executive Director of Agreement FCI-SSA-05 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Agreement by the Commission Chair to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves Agreement No. FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange to provide transitional support and housing services at the Mother and Child Residential Homes project as specified in the February 4, 2009 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, Agreement FCI-SSA-05 on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final Agreement FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange, 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 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 his designee) is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Service Agreement, (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement, and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement 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 February 4, 2009 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
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 of final executed Agreement No. FCI-SSA-05 with the County of Orange)