

**DATE:** March 30, 2010

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Bridges Maternal Child Health Network Program - Progress Report on Redesign and Information System

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**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County's programs are under review with consideration to the Long-Term Financial Plan and the effectiveness of the programs to achieve strong outcomes for children. The Bridges for Newborns and Project Connections programs include partnerships with hospitals and community service providers to improve the health and well-being of newborns. A summary of the proposed Bridges Maternal Child Health Network and the key program features were reviewed at the March 2010 Commission meeting with funding action scheduled for May 2010. This action requests the reallocation of Bridges Maternal Child Health Network (Bridges Network) funding for start-up costs associated with transitioning the network information system.

**Background**

A key feature of the Bridges Network Maternal Child Health Network redesign includes improving system efficiencies through electronic technology. Due to the number of babies born each year at Bridges hospitals, a significant amount of staff time has been dedicated to data collection, data entry, and processing family referrals to services at home visitation programs. Converting to paperless system has been recommended to leverage existing hospital data for risk screening and data collection with referral through real time wireless technology to promote efficiencies and enhance service delivery between all Bridges Network programs. The Orangewood Children's Foundation and the Hospital Association of Southern California will be contracting on behalf of the Bridges Network with NetChemistry Inc. to customize and implement the technology. NetChemistry currently provides its services to county health care providers through contracts with the Medical Services for Indigents Program and CalOptima.

In October 2009, your Commission approved the selection of a new vendor for the Commission's Performance Outcome Management System. One of the optional system components was to include the design, development and implementation of a Care Coordination Module that provides home visitation programs with both an online case management service that tracks appointments, cases, and the services provided or planned for

each interaction with a family, and provides an automated process for submitting claims for reimbursement from Medi-Cal Targeted Case Management.

The Care Coordination Module design and support was not included in the new Mosaic implementation agreement pending the review of the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network. Staff has now reviewed vendor technologies and recommends development of the Care Coordination module within the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network contracts to ensure greater efficiencies with home visitation providers who will be using that system.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

- December 2009 – Report on Bridges Maternal Child Health Network review received
- November 2009 – Agreement for Performance Outcome Management System approved

**STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

The fiscal reports and recommended actions presented in this staff report have been reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and are consistent with the Healthy Children goal. Funding for the start-up costs and transition to the new information system are available in the FY 09/10 Budget from unspent funds in existing Bridges Network multi-year agreements.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to reallocate an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for a new total Maximum Obligation of \$727,500 for development and integration of the Care Coordination Module as part of the Bridges Maternal Child Health Network technology.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution for a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation

**Contact:** Alyce Mastrianni

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-10-C&FC**

**April 7, 2010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE, AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FCI-B5-17 WITH ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION; 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 October 4, 2006 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to negotiate and enter into Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to provide program services.

**WHEREAS**, On July 2, 2008, COMMISSION authorized a First Amendment which provided an additional \$262,500 for Project Services for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in order to provide additional or expanded program services under the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission now desires to enter into a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," to add an additional \$115,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation of \$727,500 to provide development and integration of the Care Coordination Module as part of the NetChemistry Inc. Bridges Maternal Child Health Network technology as specified in the April 7, 2010 staff report for this Agenda Item, and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor desires to enter into the Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 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 and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to add an additional \$115,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation of \$727,500 to provide development and integration of the Care Coordination Module as part of the NetChemistry Inc. Bridges Maternal Child Health Network technology consistent with the April 7, 2010 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

**Section 3** The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the final Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 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 FCI-B5-17 with the Contractor, to add an additional \$115,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation of \$727,500 as specified in the April 7, 2010 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 FCI-B5-17 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 FCI-B5-17 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.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on April 7, 2010 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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

Resolution No: \_\_\_-10-C&FC

Agenda Date: April 7, 2010

Item No. \_\_\_\_



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 Amendment to Agreement FCI-B5-17 with Orangewood Children's Foundation)