

**Agenda Item 3**
October 5, 2016**DATE:** September 21, 2016**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County**FROM:** Kimberly Goll, Executive Director**ACTION:** Approve the 2016-17 Program Renewal Process

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County is in the third year of a three-year funding cycle with organizations that provide the health, early education and family support programs for young children and their families. This agenda item confirms the criteria and process for the 2016-17 program renewal process.

DISCUSSION:

The criteria for defining core programs and the process for program renewals were presented to the Commission on September 7, 2016. The funding review panels will use the core program criteria to review the portfolio of programs funded by the Commission and determine which programs align with the Commission's mission and operations. The five criteria include:

1. The program is **Outcome-Oriented** and has defined outcomes that align with the goals in the Commission's Strategic Plan.
2. The program reasonably identifies a financial or social **Return on Investment (ROI)** by improving systems, increasing access or efficiency, or decreasing future spending (cost avoidance).
3. The program works in partnership with the Commission to actively identify and pursue **Leveraging** and **Sustainability** strategies to maximize the Commission's investment.
4. The agency is a **Critical Partner** and necessary to advance the Commission's goals.
5. The program provides critical goal-aligned services to an **Extremely Vulnerable Population**.

Program Renewal Process

The Chair has assigned Commission members, or their designees, to at least one of three review panels in the categories of Healthy Children, Early Learning and Strong Families. The panels will meet throughout the fall to review the programs for each category and provide recommendations for the length of the funding term, the funding amount, and if there are conditions for renewal.

The funding review panels will have an opportunity to reconvene for further discussion prior to presenting the final program funding recommendations at the February Commission meeting. New program agreements are expected to be developed throughout the spring and begin on July 1, 2017.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

There are no funding actions proposed for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- September 2016 - Received the 2016-17 Program Renewal Process
- July 2016 – Received June Planning Meeting report
- June 2016 – Conducted Annual Planning Meeting
- April 2016 – Received update on The Bridgespan Group’s assessment of the Children and Families Commission
- February 2016 – Adopted resolution authorizing agreement with The Bridgespan Group for an updated organizational assessment and recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2016-17 Program Renewal Process.

ATTACHMENT:

None

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