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Agenda Item No. 4
June 27, 2007 Meeting
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

DATE: June 19, 2007
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: **National Children's Study: Funding for Community Outreach Coordinator and Endorsement of State Senate Joint Resolution**

SUMMARY:

The National Children's Study is a long-term research project that will examine the environmental influences on children's health and development. It will be the largest long-term study of children's health and development ever to be conducted in the United States. In 2005, Orange County submitted an application to be one of the National Children's Study Vanguard Centers and was selected. This agenda item requests authorization to fund a Community Outreach Coordinator to carry out local implementation of recruitment and outreach activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission is one of the Orange County Vanguard Center's four collaborating agencies along with the University of California, Irvine (leading the research effort), County of Orange, and Children's Hospital of Orange County. Beginning in late 2008, the Orange County Vanguard Center will begin recruiting participants and collecting data as part of a decades-long research effort for children's health. Most families will be recruited door-to-door. Others will join through their local physicians' offices, health clinics, and hospitals.

Commission staff recommends approval of consultant services of up to maximum of \$117,000 per year for a local National Children's Study Community Outreach Coordinator. The Community Outreach Coordinator will work with the Orange County Vanguard Center leadership to conduct and support study-related outreach efforts beginning immediately to ensure success of the Study when it is launched in the field in 2008. It is expected that this position will be required on an ongoing basis throughout the planning stage and early implementation of the study in the field (expected fall 2008).

The Commission previously delegated oversight of the support for the National Children's Study to the Pediatric Health Services Committee (PHS). PHS has previously dedicated funding to support early outreach strategies and provided input and direction on the formation of a local Community Board. The Committee will review support for the Outreach Coordinator position at their June 27 meeting prior to the Commission meeting. Commission action is requested to confirm the Pediatric Health Committee's recommendation to fund the Community Outreach Coordinator position.

State Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) No. 11

As a follow-up to his work on this project as a Commissioner, Senator Lou Correa introduced Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) No. 11 to help reinforce statewide support for the project. The SJR 11 was drafted with input from Commission staff and Phil Isenberg and recommended for endorsement.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This funding request is for the amount of \$117,000 for a term of twelve months commencing on July 1, 2007. Funding for this item is included in the FY 2007/2008 Budget within the Pediatric Health Services budget category.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Adopt Commission Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing Executive Director to prepare and enter into Agreement with a Coordinator to be determined for National Children's Study community outreach services for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$117,000.
2. Endorse Senate Joint Resolution No.11 for the National Children's Study and authorize Chair to send a letter of support.

Attachment:

1. Resolution authorizing Executive Director to prepare and execute an Agreement for a National Children's Study Community Outreach Coordinator.
2. State Senate Joint Resolution No. 11

Contact: Alyce Mastrianni

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-07-C&FC

June 27, 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE FINAL FORM OF AGREEMENT C-XXX WITH A COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR 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, the Commission adopted a 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 form Master Agreement for Professional/Consulting Services ("Master Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Agreement C-XXX with a Community Outreach Coordinator, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$117,000 to provide National Children's Study community outreach services, which services promote the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, capitalized terms used in this resolution are as set forth in the Grant Agreement, unless separately defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the June 27, 2007 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;

WHEREAS, all actions required by applicable law with respect to the proposed Agreement have been taken in an appropriate and timely manner.

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 to prepare and negotiate the final form of Agreement No. C-XXX with Community Outreach Coordinator, in an amount not to exceed \$117,000 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to provide National Children's Study community outreach services in support of the Act and the Strategic Plan as specified in the June 27, 2007 staff report;

Section 3 The form of the Agreement with the Community Outreach Coordinator shall be substantially similar to the form of the approved Master Agreement, subject to minor, non-substantive revisions as reviewed and approved by the Executive Director. The approval by the Executive Director, or designee, of the final form of the Agreement shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by the Executive Director and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves Agreement No. C-XXX with the Community Outreach Coordinator, in an amount not to exceed \$117,000 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to provide National Children's Study community outreach services in support of the Act and the Strategic Plan as specified in the June 27, 2007 staff report.

Section 5 The Executive Director and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Agreement on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final form of Agreement C-XXX with the Community Outreach Coordinator, when executed by the Executive Director 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 Sections 2, 3, and 5 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 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 June 27, 2007 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. C-XXX)

Introduced by Senator Correa

June 11, 2007

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to the National Children’s Study.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 11, as introduced, Correa. National Children’s Study.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ensure the continuation of funding for the National Children’s Study, which is a longitudinal study focusing on a long-term observation of childrens’ health as impacted by genetics and environmental conditions.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Children’s Health Act of 2000 (Public Law
2 106-310), authorized the National Children’s Study, a multiyear
3 study of key health characteristics of America’s children; and
4 WHEREAS, The National Children’s Study (NCS) is a
5 longitudinal study of 100,000 children in America, focusing on
6 long-term observation of their health, as impacted by genetics and
7 environmental conditions; and
8 WHEREAS, The NCS is focusing on six key diseases; asthma,
9 autism, diabetes, injury, obesity, and schizophrenia; and
10 WHEREAS, The NCS will focus on 100,000 children from
11 before birth to their 21st birthday and is patterned on the
12 well-known Framingham Hearth Study, which began in 1948, and
13 focused on heart disease. Researchers credit this previous study
14 with making a substantial contribution to the 42-percent decrease
15 in mortality from heart disease between 1979 and 1990; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives and
2 the United States Senate have both continued to provide funding
3 for this study, including appropriation of sixty-nine million dollars
4 (\$69,000,000) contained in the approved 2007 federal budget; and

5 WHEREAS, The Counties of Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles,
6 Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and
7 Ventura have been selected to participate in this study, with Orange
8 County being identified as the Vanguard County; and

9 WHEREAS, Information from the study will be made available
10 within two or three years, and updated periodically to provide
11 important information to medical and public health researchers on
12 the impact of environmental factors on the health of children; and

13 WHEREAS, A coalition of almost 100 organizations is
14 supporting the NCS, including the American Academy of
15 Pediatrics, the American Chemistry Council, the American
16 Pediatric Society, the American Public Health Association, the
17 Association of American Medical Colleges, Easter Seals, the March
18 of Dimes, the National Catholic Education Association, National
19 Association of Counties, National Association of County and City
20 Health Officials, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, National
21 Hispanic Medical Association, United Cerebral Palsy, and the
22 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
25 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature calls upon the Congress
26 to present to the President, and calls upon the President to enact
27 legislation to ensure the continuation of funding for the NCS; and
28 be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
31 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
32 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
33 United States.

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