



**Agenda Item No. 4
November 3, 2010 Meeting**

DATE: October 25, 2010

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Federal Grant Award for Orange County Center for Community Health Research

SUMMARY:

Since the Commission's inception, the knowledge that tobacco tax funds would be a declining revenue source necessitated the Commission to plan for achieving future results with fewer resources. To this end, the Commission is aggressively pursuing funding sources to maximize strategic investments. This report provides an announcement of a federal grant award and requests authorization to receive project funds and subcontract for awarded services.

Background

Last year, the Commission worked with the University of California, Irvine (UCI) and other community partners to develop a responsive proposal to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for consideration for the "Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research" grant opportunity (Attachment 1). NIH recognizes that in order to maximize the relevance, dissemination, and implementation of health science research for the public, communities must have the opportunity to be actively engaged in formulating research questions; designing, and conducting research; and translating the application of research findings to community-based practice and public health initiatives. The intent of the grant is to assist in developing sustainable relationships between academic health centers and community entities in the pursuit of improved public health through research.

UCI has been notified by NIH that funds have been awarded for implementation of Orange County's proposed project. In order to assure that a majority of these funds would be committed to support the infrastructure needed for community collaborative research, UCI and community partners proposed that project funds designated for community be contracted to the Commission. No Commission dollars would be used for a cash match for the project. Rather, the Commission would leverage existing resources and partnerships to support the project's aims. For example, the Health Science Research project could build on and enhance the "2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program" collaborative project being implemented through Orangewood Children's Foundation leadership with many of the Commission's current funded agencies.

Project Scope – In order to meet an information gap in Orange County, the Orange County Center for Community Health Research will be established. The Center would help to promote connections between UCI, the Commission, health care and university institutions, local institutions such as schools, place-based initiatives, and business-community collaborations.

Project aims include:

- Create a central clearinghouse for health research for Orange County and a needed source for health research technical assistance, to increase data sharing, resource maximization and capacity building in community health research. The center will house a central repository for health research and data for Orange County, which are currently dispersed among various sources and/or are difficult for community agencies to access.
- Increase capacity among community agencies and health researchers to conduct community participatory health research by providing trainings for community agencies and fellowship opportunities in community-based research to doctoral students. Community-based organizations will receive technical assistance from researchers, such as program evaluation consultations, which they might otherwise not have access to.
- Build upon strong collaborative relationships between the applicant agencies and UCI's Community Action Planning Group, through community health forums. The primary purpose of the forum is to facilitate dialogue between community partners and the academic health center to identify key health needs in the community and develop a health research agenda for Orange County to be implemented by community health research fellows, other researchers, and community agencies.

The project scope designated for the community would be carried out primarily through Community Research Associates (CRA). NIH established the role of CRA's as community representatives who are respected community health members or experts with a successful track record in community-based programs and projects. The CRA's will be responsible for and accountable to the community and the collaboration for implementation of the project aims and stewardship of resources.

In order to test the proposed model for community health research planning and development, a pilot project was proposed for the team building workshops focused on the topic of low birth weight babies. Further research is needed to identify the causes for low child birth weight and effective interventions to mitigate the problem. The participants who will be invited to the team building workshop would include health providers, community agencies, social service providers, researchers and others who are working in this area of health and are invested in seeing improvements in the rates of low birth weight babies in Orange County. By the end of Year 1, this group of providers and researchers would formulate potential projects to address the health needs of women at high risk for low birth weight babies.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed project has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal to foster a consumer-oriented, easily accessible system of services that is responsive to local needs and achieves results. This funding request is to receive approximately \$567,628 from the Regents of the University of California to implement the Orange County Center for Community Health Research through contract with the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. for an anticipated term of December 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. Funding for this item would be included in the FY 2010/11 Amended Budget within the Capacity Building budget category.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- September 2010 – Received an update on federal grant proposals and awards, as a financial sustainability strategy
- March 2010 – Received progress report on strategies for securing government, corporate and foundations grants for improving the self-sufficiency of Commission grantees

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive project update.
2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 2) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Regents of the University of California/University of California, Irvine Medical Center to receive Federal Grant Award funding in an amount not to exceed \$567,628 to implement the Orange County Center for Community Health Research for an anticipated term of December 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.
3. Adopt resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing the Executive Director or designee to prepare and negotiate Agreement No. PS- 91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$567,628 for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research for an anticipated term of December 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, contingent upon execution of an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center for receipt of the funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Federal Grant Project: Orange County Center for Community Health Research
2. Resolution for contract with the Regents of the University of California
3. Resolution for Agreement No. PS-91 with the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc.

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Federal Grant Project: Orange County Center for Community Health Research

Project Title	Orange County Center for Community Health Research
Source of Funding	National Institutes of Health: Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research
Lead Agency	Dr. Dan Cooper, Pediatrics University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
Other Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State University, Fullerton • Children and Families Commission of Orange County • Children’s Hospital of Orange County • County of Orange Health Care Agency • St Jude Medical Center • Community Action Planning Group / UCI Institute of Clinical and Translational Science • Other Community Agencies
Focus of Grant	<p>Vision: Community and Academic Health Center working together to develop, implement, and disseminate clinical discoveries that result in improved health status for the diverse communities of Orange County.</p> <p>Mission: To improve the health and well being of Orange County through collaborative research and supporting sustainable research, dissemination of evidence-based best practices to inform local health decisions.</p>
Project Funding	\$430,896 - UCI designated project funding <u>\$567,628</u> - community funding to be contracted through Commission \$998,524 - total funding for 3 year project
Specific Project Aims	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish the Orange County Center for Community Health Research to facilitate sharing of health research information and technical assistance for health research. 2. Conduct community health research training for community agencies and researchers. 3. Establish a community forum to develop a community health research agenda for Orange County and link community members with research resources.
Commission Role	Receive and manage funds designated for community participation in the project.
Fiscal Intermediary - Community Funding	Propose subcontract through Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc to administer community funds designated for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three part-time Community Research Associates - Stipends for community agencies to release staff to participate in trainings - Technology and equipment to support project aims

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 10-___-C&FC

November 3, 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SUCH 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, 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 Commission desires to enter into an Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center to receive Federal Grant Award funding in the amount of \$567,628 for the period starting on or about December 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; 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 The Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2 The Commission hereby authorizes Executive Director or designee to enter into an Agreement between the Children and Families Commission of Orange County and the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center to receive Federal Grant Award funding for the period starting on or about December 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research as described in the November 3, 2010 staff report to this Agenda Item.

Section 3 Commission hereby approves the Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center.

Section 4 A copy of the final Agreement 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 5 In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Commission 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 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 6 The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final Agreement)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-10-C&FC

November 3, 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT NO. PS-91 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES, INC.; 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 Consultant/Professional Services (“Master Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee to prepare and negotiate Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$567,628 for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research for the period December 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, contingent on execution of an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center to receive funds as specified in the November 3, 2010 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, to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health

Foundation Enterprises, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$567,628 for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research for the period December 1, 2010 through Hune 30, 2013, contingent on execution of an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Irvine Medical Center to receive funds as specified in the November 3, 2010 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. 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. The approval by the Executive Director of the Agreement No. PS-91 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Amendment by the Commission Chair to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. for services related to the Orange County Center for Community Health Research as specified in the November 3, 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, Agreement No. PS-91 on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., when executed by the Commission Chair, or 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 Amendment 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.

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final executed Agreement No. PS-91 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises,
Inc.)