Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

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Agenda Item No. 5
April 2, 2008 Meeting

DATE: March 25, 2008

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Standard Program Services Agreement with County of Orange and Funding Renewal for Public Health Programs

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SUMMARY:
The Commission's portfolio of funding includes targeted investments that prioritize serving children most in need in the community. For example, some children are exposed to risks that include family environments found to undermine healthy child development. Evidence based practice to address the needs of these children exposed to significant risks include public health nursing. Previously, the Commission and the County of Orange developed a standard Program Services Agreement to create efficiencies in contracting for County human and social service programs. Today's action proposes continued funding of the Program Services Agreement for responsive programs to be implemented in FY 2008/09.

Background - Currently, the Commission funds professional services through the County of Orange including:

- Early Childhood System of Care Public Health Nursing support for foster children
- Nurse Family Partnership (OLDS Model) home visitation services for high risk families
- Perinatal Substance Abuse Services for substance exposed children
- Bridges for Newborns Program services to medically high risk infants
- Project Connections Public Health Nursing services to promote health access

In March 2007, the Commission approved a Program Services Agreement to consolidate funding actions into a standard agreement. The Program Services Agreement was approved by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2007. Authorization of the Program Services Agreement included an annual process for confirmation of funding to be presented to the Board of Supervisors and Commission through the respective annual budget processes.

Funding for the first programs contracted using the new County Program Services Agreement is scheduled to expire June 30, 2008. Recommendations for continued funding, presented in Attachment 2, would continue the programs through June 30, 2009. Funding for the Early Childhood System of Care Public Health Nursing support for foster children is not included since an existing contract term does not expire until June 30, 2009.

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Fiscal Leveraging - In addition to providing funds for direct services to young children, the County and Commission participate in two fiscal leveraging projects which further enhance the Commission's investments:

- Targeted Case Management (TCM) - Historically approximately 36% of the Commission's funding for Public Health Nursing is reimbursed by the state for targeted case management services provided. The dollars received are reinvested into funded program services.
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) - The County also contracts with several of the Commission's program grantees which allows for EPSDT reimbursement for early mental health services funded by the Commission. Current contractors include Western Youth Services, The Kinship Center, YMCA Child Health Consultants, and Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove. County and Commission staff are reviewing current grantee agreements to increase the number of clinical staff to address the growing number of referrals for early childhood mental health services. It is anticipated that the expansion for FY 2008/09 can be funded through existing Commission funding and EPSDT reimbursement. If, due to the service expansion, the County exceeds their EPSDT budget cap with the State, Commission may be requested to fund the additional 10% match (up to $28,000) on the $280,000 existing funds identified for service expansion.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed funding action has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and Financial Plan and is consistent with the Healthy Children goal, among others. This funding request is for amounts and terms as presented in Attachment 1 and represents level funding from current year funding. Funding for programs will be included in the Commission's FY 2008/09 proposed budget and is consistent with your financial plan.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- March 3, 2007 – Commission approved a Master County Program Services Agreement for the provision of human and social service programs with the County of Orange and related program funding for 2007/08.
- March 5, 2008 – Commission approved program grant renewals and deferred funding action for the Nurse-Family Partnership and Perinatal Substance Abuse Services to be taken in conjunction with the renewal of the Standard Program Services Agreement with County of Orange.

RECOMMEND ACTIONS:

1. Authorize County of Orange Program Services Agreement expenditures for FY 2007/08 as presented in Attachment 1.
2. Authorize Executive Director or designee to execute a letter of agreement or other documentation with the County of Orange Health Care Agency, if necessary to address the FY 08/09 10% EPSDT match requirement, in an amount not to exceed $28,000.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proposed FY 2008/09 Program Service Agreement Funding

Contact: Alyce Mastrianni

Attachment 1

Program Services Agreement
County of Orange and Children and Families Commission of Orange County
Proposed FY 2008/09 Program Funding

Program Service Number	Program Name	Description – Current Program	Strategic Plan Primary Goal	Recommended Annual Funding
FCI-B5-22	Bridges for Newborns / Medically High Risk Newborns Program	Provides family support and case management services for families with medically high-risk children aged birth through two years. Services include child and family assessments, in-home visitation, parenting education, health and safety education, health insurance enrollment, linkage to a healthcare home, and referral to needed services and follow-up to assure appropriate connections are made. (5.0 FTE PHN, 1.0 FTE Supervising PHN, 1.0 FTE IPT)	Healthy Children	$630,000
FCI-P6-12	Project Connections	Utilizing the Family Resource Center platform, service delivery focuses on improving immunization status, health insurance enrollment, access to a medical home, delivering health assessments, bringing parent health education to the community, and providing case management services to children 0 – 5 and their families. This project strengthens the ability of Family Resource Centers to address local health issues and serve young families by increasing outreach to isolated families in Orange County through the use of culturally competent Promotoras, making more Public Health Nurses available to low-income communities, collaborating and triaging to link families with services needed to support the family and promote health using a systemic approach, and linking with local funding organizations to create new programs and partnerships. (7.5 FTE PHN, 1.0 FTE Supervising PHN, 1.0 FTE IPT)	Healthy Children	$ 915,000
F03-HV-06	Nurse-Family Partnership	Provides home-based comprehensive case management services focusing on maternal and child health and development during pregnancy and through the child's second year. Target population is low-income pregnant women less than 24 years old and who are engaged in services before their 28th week of pregnancy. Services include: case management, home visitation, parent education, health and psychosocial assessments, developmental screenings, and referral to community resources. These services increase the percent of children born and remaining healthy, increase parenting knowledge and skills, decrease preventable childhood injuries, promote child and family health, promote optimal child development, and connect families to needed medical, social, educational, and other needed resources. (4.0 FTE PHN, 1.0 FTE IPT, plus 1.0 FTE Supervising PHN (in-kind))	Healthy Children	$324,000
F05-HV-06	Perinatal Substance Abuse Services Initiative	Provides health care coordination, health education, and case management services to pregnant women with histories of substance abuse and/or HIV infection in order to help ensure that their newborns are born healthy and drug-free and to promote a stable home environment for the newborns. Services include: home visitation, case management, transportation, health insurance (Medi-Cal/Healthy Families, etc.) application assistance, health and parenting education, home safety assessments, and infant developmental screenings. (2.0 FTE Senior PHN)	Healthy Children	$178,050

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