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Agenda Item No. 5 B
March 5, 2008 Meeting

DATE: February 25, 2008
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: **Action Plan for Implementation of Outside Strategic Assessment**

SUMMARY:

A. PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

An implementation plan for the recommendations contained in the Strategic Assessment will be considered at your annual planning session scheduled for June, 2008. The final report will be submitted on March 15, 2008. Between March 15th and the June 4, 2008 Planning Session, staff will develop:

1. A proposed three-year funding plan for increased investment in target, high need communities. This plan would not divert current fund allocations in your adopted 10-Year Financial Plan, but would be based upon a reallocation of carryover funds.
2. A revised Business Plan for the Commission will be prepared for consideration in conjunction with the May Budget actions, and incorporate the Bridgespan recommendations related to organizational structure as well as program evaluation and performance measurement for strategies.
3. A timeline and options for implementing the funding-related recommendations in the Strategic Assessment.

B. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

A few actions have been deferred pending completion of the Strategic Assessment in order to ensure that interim funding and program actions were not inconsistent with the resulting recommendations. At this point, it is recommended that we move forward on three specific actions that either implement the direction outlined in the Strategic Assessment or provide adequate time to implement the Strategic Assessment recommendations. While most of the recommendations can be addressed at the June Planning Session, the three outlined below are time sensitive.

1. Program Grant Renewals

In April 2006, the Commission renewed funding for 31 program grants in five program areas including early education, strong families, homeless prevention, healthy children and home visitation. These programs are effectively meeting the needs of young children and are recommended for a one-year, level funding extension in lieu of implementing a new program

grant cycle prior to the results of The Bridgespan Group's strategic assessment of the Commission.

Summaries of the recommended programs and funding amounts by budget category are included in Attachment 2. Funding for six programs was previously incorporated in separate funding actions and additional funding is not required at this time. The level funding amount for the one year extension is \$5.3 million commencing on July 1, 2008. These one-year renewals will be subject to a comprehensive review process consistent with revised funding priorities established by your Board.

2. Early Development Index (Kindergarten Entry Assessment) Pilot Program

At the September 2007 meeting, the Commission received a presentation on the Early Development Index (EDI) and its potential application to Orange County. Based upon discussions at the meeting, input was solicited about how the EDI can best be implemented in local schools and, the feasibility of implementing the tool in Orange County was assessed. Since that time, a focus group was conducted with kindergarten teachers and other district staff from different school districts in the county.

In addition, The Bridgespan Group developed a recommendation to enhance the Commission's evaluation system to include a measure of "Readiness to Learn" when children enter kindergarten. One instrument identified to measure "Readiness to Learn", pre- and post- intervention and at-entry to kindergarten, is the EDI. Implementation of an EDI pilot in Orange County through contract with the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities (Attachment 4) is recommended. Implementation of the pilot at this time is necessary in order to not be delayed for an entire academic year. Newport-Mesa School District is anticipated to be the candidate site for the pilot program. Any required school district and teacher participation costs will be included in the UCLA contract.

3. Early Learning Center Opportunities

Given the current efforts underway to assess the need and potential for multi-tenant nonprofit centers and other community based services, it may be important to address the early learning recommendations from Bridgespan as part of this planning effort. Specifically, it is recommended that following options be explored during the next two months so they can be presented at the Annual Planning Session:

- Exploring the opportunity for one of the planned nonprofit centers to have a learning, or early learning focus, possibly in partnership with a successful after school program such as *Think Together* (existing Capacity Grant recipient). The Commission has been a sponsor of several successful shared facility programs in Orange County, including Boys and Girls facilities.
- Examine school based or school linked centers at the priority communities recommended in the report.
- Pursue expansion of early learning programs at Commission sponsored facilities such as the new Santa Ana YMCA and other community based organizations.

C. PROPOSED APRIL 2008 COMMISSION MEETING ACTION – EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

The Commission currently funds a comprehensive Early Literacy Program that provides support for Reach Out and Read, HABLA (Home-based Activities Building Language Acquisition), and school/community-based early literacy programs. The Bridgespan Group's strategic assessment of the Commission includes a recommendation to expand these successful programs to reach more children and families, particularly in high need communities. The Commission's current investment in early literacy includes the expansion of successful early literacy program models, providing technical support to new programs, and developing grant funds for sustainability and support. This investment is positively impacting the quantity and quality of programs available and the number of children and families that are exposed to early literacy opportunities.

The two main contracts supporting the Commission's early literacy programs will conclude on June 30, 2008. A recommendation to extend the contracts with PHFE Management Solutions (the fiscal sponsor) to support the Early Literacy Program and the HABLA program that is consistent with the Bridgespan Group strategic assessment will be presented for action at the April 2008 Commission meeting.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

Program Grant Extensions

- April 2006 - Approved funding for 29 program grants for 24 month terms commencing on July 1, 2006.

Early Development Index Pilot

- September 2007 - Received a presentation on the Early Development Index and its potential application to Orange County.
- April 2007 - Commission approved action to provide planning funds to develop a proposal related to the Early Development Index.

Nonprofit Centers

- December 5, 2007 – Work plan approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed Amendments to Program Grant Agreements and the EDI Pilot have been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and are consistent with the Healthy Children, Strong Families, and Ready to Learn goals. This request for Program Grant funding extension is for the amount of \$5,222,300 for 12 months commencing on July 1, 2008. Funding for this item will be included in the FY 2008/09 budget within each goal's program grant budget category. Funding for the Early Development Index pilot is for the amount of up to \$208,000. Funds are available within the Performance Outcome Measurement System (POMS) line item of the Commission's FY 2007/08 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive report and Action Plan for implementation of the Strategic Assessment recommendations and Highlights
2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing the Executive Director to enter into Amendments to Agreements with designated organizations to continue to provide Program Grant Services

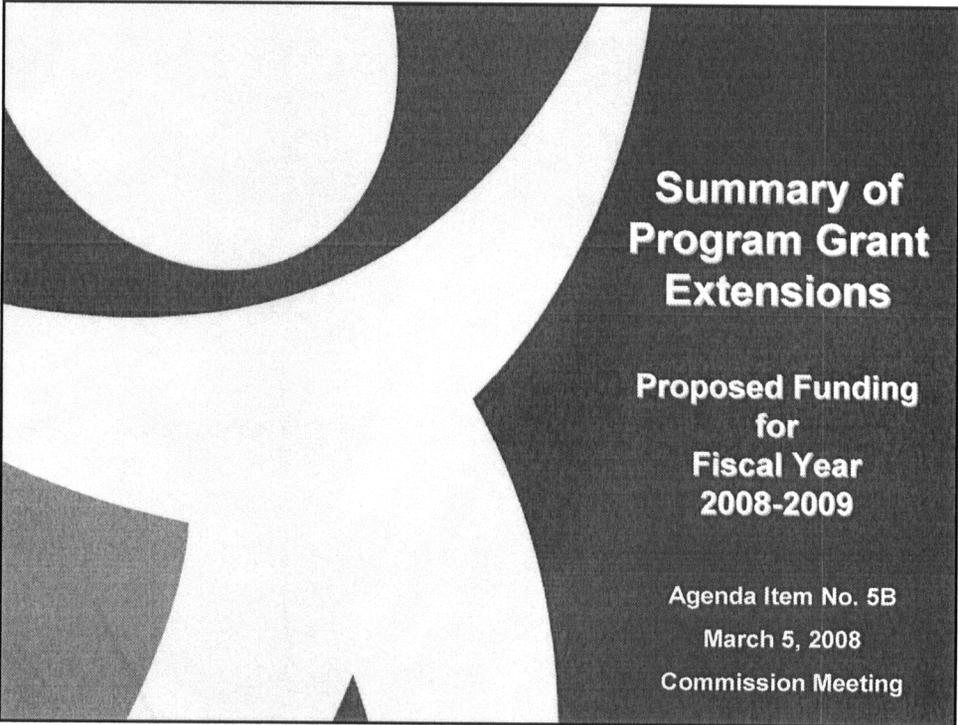
for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amounts, and under the conditions as described in Attachment 2.

3. Adopt resolution (Attachment 5) authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into new Agreement PS-49 with The Regents of the University of California (University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities) for the project described on Attachment 4 for the period of April 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000.
4. Direct staff to pursue opportunities to expand early learning opportunities in conjunction with the nonprofit center planning effort and return with a progress report at the April meeting
5. Direct staff to return at the April meeting with funding renewal actions for the Early Literacy Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Program Grant Extension Power Point Presentation
2. Program Grant Extension Funding Recommendations
3. Resolution for Program Grant Extensions
4. Early Development Index Power Point Presentation
5. Resolution for Agreement PS-49 with The Regents of the University of California (University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities)

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Summary of Program Grant Extensions

Proposed Funding
for
Fiscal Year
2008-2009

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Funding Strategies



The Commission implements three program funding strategies:

1. *Commission Directed Initiatives:*

- Non-competitive funding designed and implemented in partnership with community organizations to address gaps to providing services to young children.

2. *Program Grants:*

- Competitive grants in which agencies design programs to serve a specific need either in a geographic or demographic segment of the 0-5 population.

3. *Capacity Building Grants:*

- Competitive one-time grants to agencies or collaborative attempting to develop organizational and / or service capacity.

Status of Current Contracts



Term Ends	Program
Various Terms	Community Clinics
June 2008	Boys and Girls Clubs (Lean Start)
	County Collaborative Projects (April Agenda)
	Pediatric Health Services (April Agenda)
	Program Grants (March Agenda)
	School Readiness Nurses (March Agenda)
	Early Literacy Program (April Agenda)
September 2008	LEAN Start (Fitness/Nutrition Program)
December 2008	Bridges for Newborns
	Child Health and Safety
	Homeless Prevention
	Special Needs Project (LEAPS)
June 2009	Anaheim City Wide Expansion
	Children's Health Initiative
	Local School Readiness
	Project Connections (Home Visitation)
June 2010	Children's Dental Program
	School Readiness (State Matching Funds)

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Program Grant Extensions



Level funding from 2007-2008, with several exceptions

- **Healthy Children:** Kinship Center (\$180,000) for program expansion to place children with significant medical needs in appropriate foster care
- **Home Visitation:** Children's Bureau (\$418,000) and Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center (\$606,100) to expand supervision and attract, retain, and train bilingual staff therapists
- **Ready to Learn:** Early Literacy Program (\$100,000) transitioning to a Commission Initiative with technical support for HABLA from University of California, Irvine

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Prior Program Grants Incorporated into Commission Initiatives



- **Healthy Children**
 - Orange County Rescue Mission (Strong Beginnings) into the Community Clinics Initiative, April 2007
 - St. Joseph Hospital of Orange (Pediatric Dental Care Collaborative) into the Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County Dental Initiative, November 2007
- **Home Visitation**
 - Maternal Outreach Management System- MOMS (Paso a Paso) into program expansion of prenatal and newborn services, October 2007
 - County of Orange Health Care Agency (Nurse-Family Partnership) into the County Master agreement, April 2008
 - County of Orange Health Care Agency (Perinatal Substance Abuse Services) into County Master agreement, April 2008

Summary of
Program Grant Extension Funding Recommendations
FY 2008-2009

Category	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Proposed 08-09
Healthy Children	\$ 2,474,000	\$ 1,224,000	\$ 838,500
Strong Families	\$ 1,912,019	\$ 956,100	\$ 924,850
Homeless Prevention	\$ 1,231,000	\$ 615,500	\$ 615,500
Home Visitation	\$ 3,787,100	\$ 1,893,550	\$ 1,024,100
Ready to Learn	\$ 4,255,950	\$ 2,127,976	\$ 1,933,350
	\$ 13,660,069	\$ 6,817,126	\$ 5,336,300

Healthy Children

Agreement Number	Agency (Program)	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Recommended Funding 7/1/08-6/30/09	Comments	
F01-HC-06	Fullerton Joint Union High School District (Assessing & Accelerating Children Toward Tomorrow)	\$253,500	\$123,750	\$123,500		
F02-HC-06	St. Joseph Hospital of Orange (Pediatric Dental Care Collaborative)	\$760,500	\$370,500	\$0	Program was incorporated into the Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County collaborative in October 2007 to ensure complimentary services and avoid program duplication.	
F03-HC-06	Newport Mesa Unified School District (Hope Resource Program: Healthy Start)	\$175,000	\$87,500	\$85,000	Support program expansion and increased fiscal leveraging.	
F04-HC-06	Orange County Rescue Mission (Strong Beginnings)	\$375,000	\$187,500	\$0	Program was incorporated into the Community Clinics Initiative to ensure appropriate oversight and program consistency with all Commission funded community clinics programs.	
F05-HC-06	Latino Health Access (Child Passenger Safety)	\$253,500	\$126,500	\$123,500	Level from funding amount in 07-08	
F06-HC-06	Children's Home Society (Child Care Injury Prevention)	\$87,750	\$43,875	\$42,750	Level from funding amount in 07-08	
F07-HC-06	YMCA of Orange County (Childcare Health Consultation Program)	\$520,000	\$260,000	\$260,000		
F08-HC-06	OC Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc. (Child Health & Safety)	\$48,750	\$24,375	\$23,750	Level from funding amount in 07-08	
009-AR-02	Kinship Center (STAR)	\$0	\$0	\$180,000	Program is successfully leveraging EPSDT for program services. Funding for STAR program expansion will place children with significant medical needs in appropriate foster care and continue leveraging EPSDT funding.	
Total				\$2,474,000	\$1,224,000	\$838,500

Strong Families

Agreement Number	Agency (Program)	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Recommended Funding (7/1/08-6/30/09)	Comments
F01-SF-06	Family Support Network (Developmental Screening Program)	\$620,000	\$310,000	\$356,000	Prior year agreement amended to support expansion of developmental screenings at community sites.
029-AP-01	Western Youth Services (Mental Health Counseling)	\$700,469	\$350,325	\$300,000	Support program expansion to leverage additional EPSDT funding and enable program to serve more families with children ages 0-5.
F07-SF-06	VNA Foundation of Orange County (Parent Infant Support Program)	\$141,550	\$70,775	\$68,850	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F03-SF-06	Child Guidance Center (Parent Child Interaction Therapy)	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F11-SF-06	Chapin-Tolley-Brown Enterprises, Inc. (a.k.a. Child Shuttle)	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Total			\$956,100	\$924,850	

Homeless Prevention

Agreement Number	Agency (Program)	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Recommended Funding 7/1/08-6/30/09	Comments
F08-SF-06	Orange County Rescue Mission (Strong Beginnings)	\$380,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	
F10-SF-06	Southern California Alcohol & Drug Programs, Inc. (Heritage House)	\$261,000	\$130,500	\$130,500	
F04-SF-06	VNA Foundation of Orange County (Operation Keeping Kids Safe)	\$380,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	
F02-SF-06	Colette's Children's Home (Care for Kids)	\$210,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	Program is implementing expanded grantee monitoring recommendations.
Total		\$1,231,000	\$615,500	\$615,500	

Home Visitation

Agreement Number	Agency (Program)	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Recommended Funding 7/1/08 - 6/30/09	Comments
F01-HV-06	Children's Bureau (OC Home Visiting Collaborative)	\$780,000	\$390,000	\$418,000	Funding increase recommended to expand supervision and increase salaries to attract, retain and train bilingual therapist staff to address needs of at-risk populations. Ensure that TCM funds are reinvested into the project.
F02-HV-06	Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center (OC Home Visiting Collaborative)	\$1,131,000	\$565,500	\$606,100	Funding increase recommended to expand supervision and increase salaries to attract, retain and train bilingual therapist staff to address needs of at-risk populations. Ensure that TCM funds are reinvested into the project.
F03-HV-06	County of Orange-Health Care Agency (Nurse-Family Partnership)	\$648,000	\$324,000	\$0	Funding action recommended as part of the County master agreement, April 2008.
F04-HV-06	Maternal Outreach Management System- MOMS (Paso a Paso)	\$872,000	\$436,000	\$0	Funding was incorporated in program expansion of prenatal and newborn services in October 2007.
F05-HV-06	County of Orange-Health Care Agency (Perinatal Substance Abuse Services Initiative)	\$356,100	\$178,050	\$0	Funding action recommended as part of the County master agreement, April 2008.
	Total	\$3,787,100	\$1,893,550	\$1,024,100	

TCM (Targeted Case Management) is a leveraging opportunity that provides reimbursement for comprehensive case management of Medi-Cal beneficiaries to gain access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services.

Ready to Learn

Agreement Number	Agency (Program)	Current Contract Amount (06-07 & 07-08)	Annualized Contract Amount	Recommended Funding 7/1/08-6/30/09	Comments
F01-RL-06	Buena Park School District (School Readiness: 1,2,3)	\$341,250	\$170,625	\$166,250	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F02-RL-06	Saddleback Valley Unified School District (School Readiness and Resource Center)	\$429,000	\$214,500	\$209,000	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F03-RL-06	Delhi Center (Childcare Provider Training Program)	\$263,500	\$131,750	\$128,500	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F05-RL-06	Centralia Elementary School District (E.I.E.I.O)	\$295,200	\$147,600	\$147,600	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds.
F06-RL-06	Boys & Girls Club of Huntington Valley (Childcare Services and Support Program)	\$252,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	
F09-RL-06	Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (Parent Education Program)	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Program supports Bridges for Newborns initiative as key referral source.
F10-RL-06	Irvine Unified School District (IUSD School Readiness Program)	\$292,500	\$146,250	\$142,500	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F11-RL-06	The Cambodian Family (First Steps to Life Long Learning)	\$264,825	\$132,413	\$118,250	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds. Previous combined funding for F11-RL-06 and F16-RL-06 (First Steps for Life Long Learning) was \$236,500.
F12-RL-06	Capistrano Unified School District (Strong Start)	\$362,000	\$181,000	\$181,000	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds.
F13-RL-06	Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove (Community Wide School Readiness Program)	\$351,000	\$175,500	\$171,000	Level from funding amount in 07-08
F14-RL-06	Magnolia School District (Get Ready for School Plus)	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds.
F15-RL-06	Ocean View School District (The Extra Steps Project)	\$340,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds.

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F16-RL-06	Santa Ana Unified School District (First Steps to Life Long Learning)	\$216,675	\$108,338	\$118,250	State School Readiness Partnership Program matching funds. Previous combined funding for F11- RL-06 and F16-RL-06 (First Steps for Life Long Learning) was \$236,500.
FCI-ELN-02	Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. dba PHFE Management Solutions (El Sol Early Literacy)			\$15,000	Previous funding was \$50,000 for 15 months. Current term ends 3/31/08. Propose new term 4/1/08 - 6/30/08.
F17-RL-04	University of California, Irvine (HABLA)	\$568,000	\$284,000	\$100,000	Technical support for the existing HABLA program
Total		\$4,255,950	\$2,127,976	\$1,933,350	

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-08-C&FC

March 5, 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE FINAL AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PROGRAM GRANT SERVICES; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS 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 April 6, 2006 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into two-year Agreements with designated organizations to provide Program Grant services as recommended by Request for Funding (RFA) panels in the Ready to Learn, Strong Families, Homeless Prevention, Healthy Children and Home Visitation goal areas.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Amendments to Agreements with each of the Organizations for the terms and in amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the March 5, 2008 staff report for this Agenda Item, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor" in each of the Agreements authorized herein; and

WHEREAS, each Contractor desires to enter into the applicable Amendment to Agreement 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 for the March 5, 2008 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendments to Agreements are in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Commission Chair and Commission Clerk to execute the Amendments to Agreements with each of the Contractors, for the terms and in amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the March 5, 2008 staff report for this Agenda Item; 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 authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the March 5, 2008 staff report for this Agenda Item, to continue to provide Program Grant Services consistent with the March 5, 2008 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the final Amendments to Agreements shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendments to Agreements by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, and for the terms and in the amounts, specified in Attachment 1 to the March 5, 2008 Staff Report for this Agenda Item to continue to provide services in support of Program Grant Services as specified in the March 5, 2008 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 Amendments to Agreements on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of each 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. Each final executed Amendment to Agreement 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 Amendment 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 March 5, 2008 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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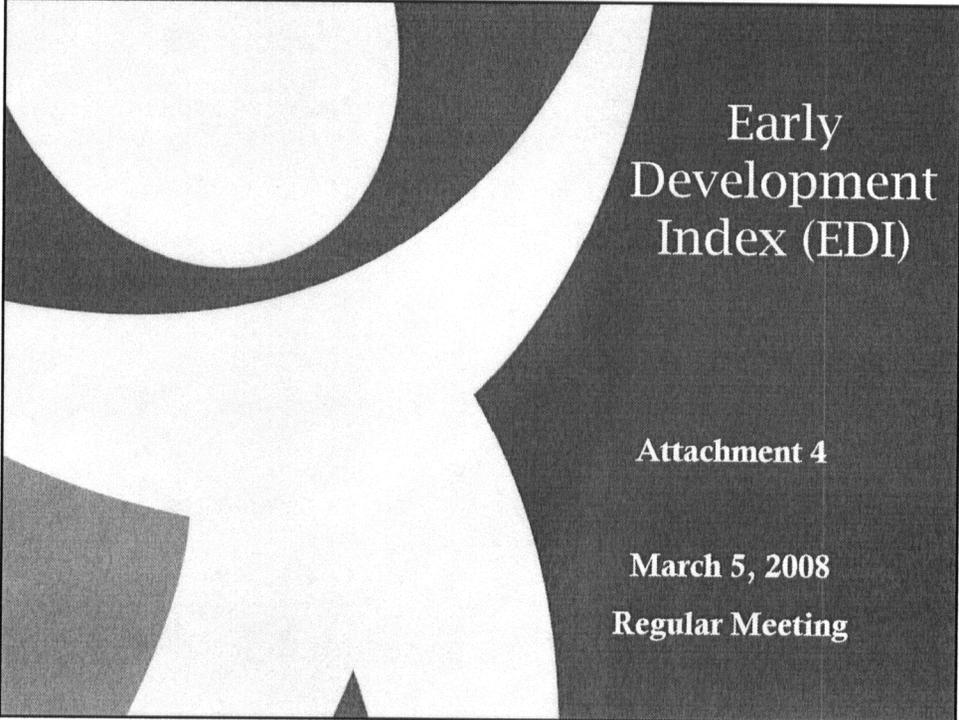
I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy(ies) of final executed Amendments to Agreements)



Early Development Index (EDI)

Attachment 4

March 5, 2008
Regular Meeting

What is EDI?

- The Early Development Index is a comprehensive way to measure children's needs prior to school entry:
 - Intended focus is at the community, not individual child level
 - Provide population-based data on condition of children as they enter K-12 system
 - Data is collected on all children within first six months of school entry
 - Data is reported by community (geographically coded for mapping)
- EDI was developed in Canada and is in use in Canada and Australia.

Resource for Implementing School Health Index (SHI)

- SHI is a tool developed by the Center for Disease Control to be used by schools in cooperation with parents, health care providers and the community to assess the health needs of individual schools and to develop and identify action plans to meet those needs.
- SHI is a process to engage teachers, parents, school administrators and the community in promoting health-enhancing behaviors and better health.
- The Commission's Asthma Chronic Lung program recently worked with CDC in developing a SHI module which would be appropriate for use in preschool settings.
- Data obtained through implementation of the EDI in Orange County would provide valuable local information to assist the school based SHI community planning efforts.

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Why is EDI Necessary?

- Commission currently does not have a comprehensive of condition of children in our age contingent:
 - Birth weight, prenatal care, health home status, etc. collected through Bridges for Newborn Program as indicators at point of entry
 - Service level data as they participate and receive Prop 10 services
 - No comprehensive data as children exit "Prop 10" service
- Understand children's needs in communities at the point of school entry
 - Are children better prepared to enter school? EDI provides a community-level measurement of school readiness?
 - Are trends improving over time due to Prop 10 interventions? Can we compare community results based on Prop 10 services available in that community?
 - Third grade reading scores are the only community measurement currently available, does not reflect any improvement over time.

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Focus Group Results

- In response to Commission concerns regarding impact on school districts, the Commission held focus group with kindergarten teachers:
 - Concerns raised about time requirement in light of other assessment requirements.
 - Recognized benefits of EDI in promoting holistic approach to development and school success for children in their classroom and the value to improve programs and services for children.
 - Teachers gave suggestions on timing and format for EDI and emphasized importance of school administration and parent support for process.

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Focus Group: EDI Challenges

Participants thought the EDI pilot might be a tough “sell” because:

- Teachers would feel that EDI activities are taking time away from their mandate to focus on academic preparation and bring the APIs up.
- Teachers already spend a lot of time doing a variety of academically-focused assessments.
- Though the EDI appears to cover several developmental domains that are not covered in current assessment activities (i.e. social-emotional and physical development), teachers may not feel they have time to assess these additional domains because they do not directly align with the academic focus of school curriculum, standards, and report cards.

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Focus Group: EDI Benefits

Participants thought that teachers would:

- Find the EDI useful to share during parent conferences to talk to parents about their children's socio-emotional development.
- Be able to use the EDI to think about a more holistic approach to development and school success for children in their class.
- Appreciate the value of the EDI project for population-based planning to improve programs and services for children.

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Focus Group: Strategies

Participants felt teachers would be more supportive of EDI if it:

- Comes from within the educational system as opposed to coming from an outside entity/foundation effort.
- Is supported by (and aligned with) State, County and district priorities (standards, curriculum, and assessments), and supported by principals.
- Has parent support.
- Emphasizes how the EDI can improve programs effecting children 0-5 so that children entering their classrooms will be more prepared.
- Provides stipends to teachers for their time dedicated to EDI-related activities (instead of offering substitute teachers).

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Phased Approach

- Phase 1 Pilot: EDI piloted in up to 15 classrooms across one or more school districts during FY 07/08:
 - Create a local technical advisory group to review and adapt the EDI as necessary
 - Adapt the web-based software for teacher-level data entry and automated reporting, including geo-mapping
 - Evaluate utility, feasibility and promise of EDI
 - Assess use in relation to DRDP
 - Further refinement of instrument based on experience
 - First year evaluation of use of EDI results for planning
- Phase 2 Expansion: If authorized for continued use, expansion to additional Orange County school districts. Development of toolkits to support implementation.

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Recommended Action

- Fund pilot phase of \$208,000
- Funds available with existing FY07/08 Budget
- Next Steps
 - Identify pilot school district(s)
 - Adapt EDI for Orange County use

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

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March 5, 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE FINAL FORM OF STANDARD FORM AGREEMENT PS-49 WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CENTER FOR HEALTHIER CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, FOR IMPLEMENTING THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION 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, Commission adopted its First 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 form Master Agreement for Professional/Consulting Services ("Master Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Agreement PS-49 based on the form of the Master Agreement with the University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, Regents of the University of California, referred to as "Contractor" in the Agreement, for the period April 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000 to provide services implementing the Early Development Index project consistent with this March 5, 2008 staff report and promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee, to negotiate the terms and final form of Agreement PS-49 with Contractor, for services as specified in the March 5, 2008 staff report to this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the March 5, 2008 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, Commission desires to authorize the Commission Chair and Commission Clerk to execute Agreement PS-49 with Contractor, for the period of April 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000 as specified in the March 5, 2008 staff report to this agenda item.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION 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, or designee, to prepare and negotiate the terms and final form of Agreement PS-49 with Contractor for the period of April 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$208,000 to provide services implementing the Early Development Index project consistent with this March 5, 2008 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of the Agreement with Contractor 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 the Agreement with the Contractor in a form substantially similar to the Master Agreement for the period of April 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$208,000 to provide services implementing the Early Development Index project as specified in the March 5, 2008 staff report.

Section 5 The Commission Chair 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 Agreement when executed by the Commission Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Commission shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibits 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 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 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 March 5, 2008 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

Resolution No: __-08-C&FC

Agenda Date: March 5, 2008

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 Agreement PS-49)