



**Agenda Item No. 6
May 1, 2013 Meeting**

DATE: April 22, 2013
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Recommended Funding Action for Pediatric Vision Program

SUMMARY:

One of the Commission's FY 2012/13 planning priorities included a focus on pediatric vision care. A successful program model implemented by First 5 San Diego and First 5 Los Angeles was reviewed and staff conducted a planning and feasibility analysis for adapting the pediatric vision care program to Orange County. Part of the analysis included evaluating existing resources in Orange County and how these resources for vision care could be included or leveraged within the program implementation. This staff report provides a recommendation to contract for services, under the direction of the Pediatric Health Services Committee.

BACKGROUND:

At the January meeting, Dr. Marc Lerner, Orange County Department of Education Medical Officer, presented a review of the potential options and considerations. The options were developed based on an analysis of the San Diego model and review of local resources including:

- Site visit to the University of California, Irvine, Department of Ophthalmology and the vision service van
- Input from local child health representatives including school nurses
- Review of local data on current vision screening and diagnostic services
- Analysis of gaps in current services

The Commission endorsed a recommendation to develop a "hybrid model" concept and directed staff to return to the Commission with recommended funding actions. In March, the Commission approved the long term financial plan which included a \$1.5 million Catalytic funding available for vision services. Today, Dr. Lerner will present the progress of the Pediatric Vision Service Planning Committee (Attachment 1).

IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS:

The Pediatric Health Services Committee was formed by the Commission to provide comprehensive planning, fiscal and administrative oversight, and respond to community needs on specialized pediatric health programs. It is recommended that a Pediatric Vision Services contract be authorized for the scope and terms indicated on Attachment 2, with further review and oversight to be provided by the Pediatric Health Services Committee.

Commissioners

Executive Director

One of the implementation priorities maintained during the vision planning process is that the mobile vision diagnostic van be implemented in conjunction with the Commission's School Readiness Nurse screening efforts. The School Nurses have been using the SureSight Vision Screener however, during the planning process, other vision screening technology is being reviewed. School districts have been requested to delay the purchase of any new vision screening technology until after the Vision Planning Committee develops final recommendations. Authorization is recommended to allow carry-forward of funds designated for the purchase of vision screening technology.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This agenda item is consistent with the Strategic Plan including specifically the Healthy Children goal. Funding is included in the FY 2013/14 adopted budget in the Catalytic Funding category, and is also reflected in the Long-Range Financial Plan.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- January 2013 – Received Pediatric Vision Program Update
- October 2012 – Received follow-up on the pediatric vision strategy
- September 2012 – Received presentations on the pediatric vision program and health education technology.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive presentation related to Vision Program.
2. Allocate \$1.5 million catalytic funding for Orange County vision services.
3. Endorse carry-forward of school district School Readiness Nurse funds to allow for purchase of vision screening technology after Vision Planning Committee recommendations are confirmed.
4. Adopt resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center] to provide vision services for the term, amount and scope specified in Attachment 2 as further developed and approved the Pediatric Health Services Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Pediatric Vision Service Planning
2. Pediatric Vision Services Term Sheet
3. Resolution

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Pediatric Vision Service Planning

Improving Access to Vision Services
for Children in Orange County

Background

- ▶ Commission identified vision as a priority service need at September Planning Workshop
- ▶ In January 2013, the Commission supported the creation of a community group to support vision planning effort
- ▶ As part of the Long Term Financial Plan review in March 2013, identified potential to support expanded vision services through savings realized in catalytic funding

OC Local Vision Planning Committee Membership

Stakeholders	Organization
Academic Community	UCI Eye Institute
Best Practice Model	UC San Diego
Children's Services	Blind Children's Learning Center Head Start, Inc. United Cerebral Palsy
Community Clinics	Coalition of Community Health Centers
County Maternal Child Health/CHDP	County of Orange
Family Services	Illumination Foundation
Health Coverage / Services	CalOptima CCS Regional Center of OC
Optometry	So. California College of Optometry
Pediatric Specialty Care	Children's Hospital
Pediatricians	American Academy of Pediatrics
School Health	OC Department of Education
School Nursing – Special Needs Children	Newport Mesa Unified School District
School Nursing – Vision	School Readiness Nursing Initiative

Planning Group Subcommittees

The planning group is organized into subcommittees:

Data & Evaluation – Develop evaluation plans for Vision Screening Pathways to include logic model and data needed to effectively provide services, manage the system of care, and evaluate the pathway to ensure a robust system of accountability and shared learning.

Standards of Care – Consider and endorse the recommended standards of care for visual screening and identification of risk factors, referral for a comprehensive exam, and referral to tertiary specialists for follow-up services.

Sustainability – Develop and initiate implementation of Vision Screening Pathway sustainability plan to include relationships with government services systems, Foundation partners, and other community supporters.

Pediatric Vision Service Objectives

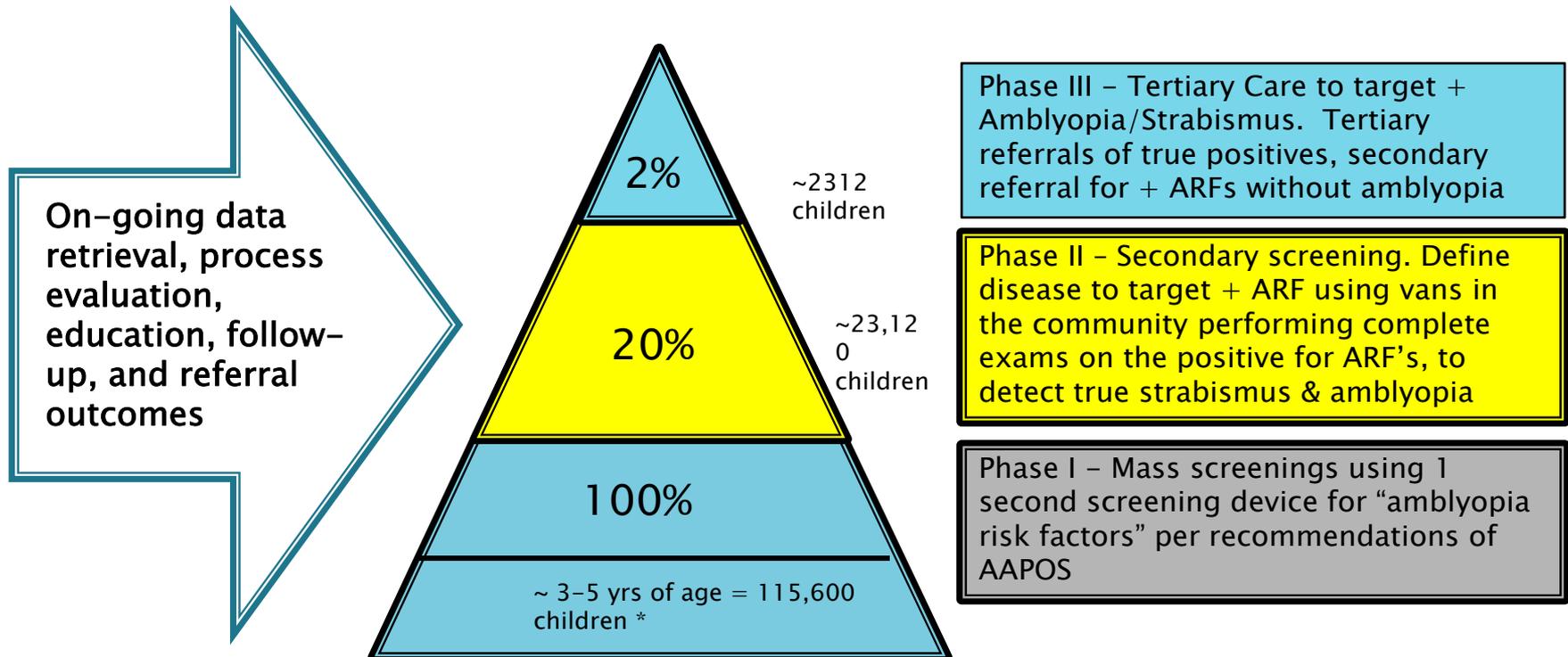
- ▶ Provide quality vision screening and diagnostic treatment for all 3–5 year old children in the County
- ▶ Increase access to screening services
- ▶ Ensure diagnostic follow-up for all children, as appropriate
- ▶ Develop strategies to strengthen existing community relationships and support long-term program sustainability

Vision Program: Proposed Program Criteria and Model

- Expand ages to ensure screening of 3 and 4 year olds
- Explore “certification” of existing screeners
- Leverage existing resources who have the connections to the community
- Ensure connection to the medical home, health coverage
- Appropriate management of vision related health information
- Develop sustainability, relationship with Medi-Cal
- Develop educational component for child’s family and community providers

PROPOSED MODEL FOR VISION SCREENING PATHWAY

Outcome: All children in Orange County will have access to vision screenings to identify potential visual acuity concerns and be linked to the appropriate tertiary services.



•231,218 children 0 – 5, US Census 2010
Health Insurance = 58% Private, 40% Public, 6% Uninsured, US Census, 2011

Vision Service Strategies

▶ Screening

- Implement mobile vision diagnostic van in conjunction with current screening efforts implemented by School Nurses.
- Ensure standard of care across existing Commission funded projects and other vision providers
- Provide additional community capacity to increase screening capacity by 40% the first year
- Ensure access to younger children and children outside school district based services

▶ Treatment

- Ensure follow-up resources for School Nurse and community clinic referrals
- Leverage School Nurse relationships with community
- Ensure link to health home

▶ Sustainability

- Build sustainable project through project billing (ex. Medi-Cal, private insurance)

Vision Planning Committee – Next Steps

- Implement mobile vision program in conjunction the Commission's Pediatric Health Programs including the UCI Eye Institute and CHOC.
- Continue to explore:
 - Partnerships for match funds for capital and operating
 - Leveraged fund opportunities for eyeglasses such as Essilor Foundation / Kids Vision for life
 - Other potential sources for sustainable funds such as CalOptima
 - Relationship with other existing vision screening and diagnostic / treatment services
 - Potential to expand vision screening/diagnostic model in other settings, i.e. community clinics, family resource centers.

Today's Action

- ▶ Allocate \$1.5 million Catalytic funds for Pediatric Vision Services project
- ▶ Endorse carry-forward of School Readiness Nurse funds to allow for purchase of identified vision screening technology
- ▶ Authorize Pediatric Health Services contract to allocate \$1.5 million consistent with implementation criteria
- ▶ Require 1:1 match as a criteria for funding in years 2 and 3. Direct Pediatric Health Services Committee to provide project oversight

Pediatric Vision Services Term Sheet

Contract	Agreement FCI-PHS-05 Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center]
Term	3 Years
Maximum Obligation	\$1.5 million Total Year 1 = \$500,000 Year 2 = \$500,000 Year 3 = \$500,000
Condition of Funding	Year 2 and Year 3 payment of funds is conditioned on commitment of one-to-one match, subject to the Pediatric Health Services Committee review.
Implementation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify standards of care to be implemented across Orange County pediatric vision services • Expand ages to ensure screening of 3 and 4 year olds • Explore "certification" of existing screeners • Leverage existing resources who have the connections to the community • Ensure connection to the medical home, health coverage • Implement an information technology system for the management of vision related health information • Develop sustainability, relationship with Medi-Cal • Develop educational component for child's family and community providers • Implement in conjunction with School readiness Nurse screening efforts
Implementation Expectation for Year 1	In conjunction with planning body, design standards and approaches for implementing hybrid approaches. Procure van, information technology and other implementation resources. Start small scale implementation and training of providers. Develop work plan for year 2 of the project.
Pediatric Health Services Committee	Provide project oversight. Review and approve work plan and budget and revise as indicated within the maximum allocation.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-13-C&FC

May 1, 2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE THE FINAL FORM OF AGREEMENT FCI-PHS-05 WITH CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA [UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, THE GAVIN EYE CENTER] TO PROVIDE VISION SERVICES; 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 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 Services (“Master Agreement”) which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children’s Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center], to provide vision services for the term, in the amount, and for the scope specified in Attachment 2 to the staff report for the May 1, 2013 agenda item; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the May 1, 2013 Commission meeting 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 enter into Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children’s Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center], to provide vision services for the term, in the amount, and for the scope specified in Attachment 2 to the staff report for the May 1, 2013 agenda item.

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, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of a Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center], to provide vision services for the term, in the amount, and for the scope specified in Attachment 2 to the May 1, 2013 staff report for this Agenda item; and

Section 3 The form of the Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center], 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 and Commission Counsel. The approval by the Executive Director of the Agreement FCI-PHS-05 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Agreement by the Commission Chair to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center] as specified in the May 1, 2013 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 Agreement on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center], 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. 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 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 May 1, 2013 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, SUSAN NOVAK, 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.

SUSAN NOVAK
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: __-13-C&FC

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

SUSAN NOVAK, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final executed Agreement FCI-PHS-05 with Children's Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California [University of California, Irvine, The Gavin Eye Center])