



Agenda Item 6
May 4, 2016

DATE: April 19, 2016

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: AmeriCorps Early Learning Program

ACTION: Adopt resolution authorizing agreements with Prevent Child Abuse California and THINK Together for the AmeriCorps Program.

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County's Strategic Plan includes the goal category of Capacity Building which is focused on promoting an effective and quality delivery system for young children and their families. The Capacity Building programs include AmeriCorps, Capacity Building Grants, Fund Leveraging and Sustainability, and Evaluation. This agenda item includes recommendations for the AmeriCorps Early Learning program for fiscal year 2016/17.

DISCUSSION:

The Commission participates in the federal AmeriCorps program which provides stipend supports for community members to support Commission-supported programs within high-need communities. The program is a collaborative in which the First 5 Association of California is the lead and contracts with Prevent Child Abuse California (PCA CA) for statewide administrative support. The structure of the grant agreement provides that PCA CA handles all payments made to the members and is reimbursed by each participating First 5/Children and Families Commission for the net program cost, offset by the proceeds of the grant. The statewide collaborative will be starting its second year of the three year agreement on July 1, 2016.

All AmeriCorps members support Commission funded programs that focus on early learning activities and improving early literacy outcomes; 26 members are allocated to THINK Together and four members are allocated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove program. In program year 2015/16, the Commission's AmeriCorps allocation increased from 23 members to 30, the additional members were allocated to THINK Together allowing them to serve an additional 78 children annually.

All programs participating in the statewide First 5 AmeriCorps collaborative report progress towards common goals and outcomes. During program year 2014/15, AmeriCorps members provided early learning services to over 928 children ages 0-5; over 85 percent of the children served improved their school readiness as measured by prior and post assessments. The children are assessed on three developmental areas using the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment. Teaching Strategies GOLD can be used with any developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum and is based on 38

research-based objectives that include predictors of school success and are aligned with the Common Core State Standards, state early learning guidelines, and the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. The Commission's program was the focus of an AmeriCorps statewide evaluation effort to identify best practices. The Commission program in partnership with THINK Together was cited and recognized for its achievement of outcomes and AmeriCorps member utilization.

AmeriCorps members are also required to help develop volunteer programs within their community and for the agencies they are supporting. In program year 2015/16 the Orange County AmeriCorps members recruited over 100 volunteers who provided almost 800 hours of volunteer services. Staff recommends maintaining all 30 members for the 2016/17 program year to support these two programs which have successfully demonstrated targeted outcomes for young children.

Commission authority is requested to enter into an agreement with PCA CA for an amount not to exceed \$508,000 for a term of 12 months to maintain the allocation of 30 AmeriCorps members in service in Orange County. The annual federal contribution per member is estimated to be \$11,600 which represents almost 38 percent of the total cost per member. The federal government also provides an education award of \$5,730 per member per year of completed service; this benefit is provided directly to the member.

To ensure appropriate management and oversight of AmeriCorp members, amending the agreement with THINK Together is recommended to add an additional \$65,000 to cover the cost associated with one additional supervisor. The seven additional members allowed THINK Together to add a classroom and increase the annual number of children served by 78 (current program year total is 619 children) but also requiring hiring an additional supervisor for those members.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed action has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Commission's Early Learning and Capacity Building goals. The total funding amount of up to \$508,000 for the AmeriCorps program and the \$65,000 for THINK Together is included in the fiscal year 2016/17 Capacity Building budget.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- May 2015 –Funding approval for AmeriCorps Program
- February 2015 – Capacity Building program update
- May 2014 – Funding approval for AmeriCorps Program
- March 2014 – Capacity Building Goal Area Update
- May 2013 – AmeriCorps Funding approval for program year 2013/14
- June 2012 – Updated funding approval for FY 2012/13
- March 2012 – Funding approved for program year FY 2012/13

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate agreement FCI-PAC-19 with Prevent Child Abuse California in a total amount not to exceed \$508,000 for a term of 12 months for an allocation of 30 AmeriCorps members.
2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 2) authorizing the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate an amendment to agreement FCI-EL-06 with THINK Together adding \$65,000 to reimburse for the additional supervisor support for the AmeriCorps members.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution for Prevent Child Abuse California
2. Resolution for THINK Together

Contact: Kim Goll

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-16-C&FC

May 4, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT FCI-PAC-19 WITH PREVENT CHILD ABUSE CALIFORNIA FOR THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM; 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, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate an Agreement with Prevent Child Abuse California for participation in the First 5 Service Corps collaborative AmeriCorps Program, in an amount not to exceed \$508,000 for a twelve month term, as specified in the May 4, 2016 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

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director and Commission Counsel to enter into an Agreement with Prevent Child Abuse California, in an amount not to exceed \$508,000, for a twelve month term, as specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this 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 hereby authorizes the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms and conditions of an Agreement with Prevent Child Abuse California, in an amount not to exceed \$508,000, for a twelve month term, for

participation in the First 5 Service Corps collaborative AmeriCorps Program, consistent with the May 4, 2016 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of the Agreement with the Contractor, in the amounts and for the terms as specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item, shall be substantially similar to the form of the standard Non-Profit 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 or designee of the Agreement shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Agreement by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Agreement with Prevent Child Abuse California, in an amount not to exceed \$508,000, for a twelve month term, for participation in the First 5 Service Corps collaborative AmeriCorps Program, as specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item.

Section 5 The Executive Director and Commission Counsel are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Prevent Child Abuse California on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final Agreement when executed 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 designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Amendments 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 May 4, 2016 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, ROBIN STIELER, 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.

ROBIN STIELER
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: __-16-C&FC

Agenda Date: May 4, 2016

Item No. __



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

ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final executed Agreement FCI-PAC-19 with Prevent Child Abuse California)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-16-C&FC

May 4, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FCI-EL-06 WITH THINK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR AMERICORP MEMBERS; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENT 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, On February 1, 2012, Commission authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to prepare and negotiate an Agreement with THINK Together for the Early Literacy and Math services for Orange County children ages 0-5; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to prepare and negotiate the Third Amendment to Agreement FCI-EL-06 (“Amendment”) with the THINK Together (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”) to provide additional funding for additional support for AmeriCorps members for the terms and in the amount as described in May 4, 2016 staff report for this agenda item; and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to enter into the Amendment to its Agreement in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the May 4, 2016 Commission meeting relating to the scopes of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendment 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 the Amendment with Contractor for the terms and in the amount specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this 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 Amendment with the Contractor as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item to provide additional funding for additional support for AmeriCorps members for the terms and in the amount consistent with the May 4, 2016 staff report and scope of services referenced therein.

Section 3 The form of the Amendment with the Contractor, for the terms and in the amount specified the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item, shall be substantially similar to the form of the standard Amendment to a Non-Profit 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 or designee of the Amendment shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendment by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendment with Contractor as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item to provide additional funding for additional support for AmeriCorps members for the terms and in the amount specified in the May 4, 2016 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 Agreements on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the 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. The final executed Amendment to Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

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By: _____
Deputy

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