



Agenda Item No. 7
March 2, 2011 Meeting

DATE: February 18, 2011

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Approve School Nurse Program Funding Renewals

SUMMARY:

In 2004, the Commission established the School Nurse Initiative to increase the provision of health services to young children and their families. Nurses are an integral part of the school setting and have a primary role in supporting student learning. The School Nurse accomplishes this through a variety of strategies that range from ensuring proper immunizations prior to a child's first day of school, providing for general health and developmental screenings, ensuring healthy and safe school environments, and increasing awareness about healthy child development. This agenda item provides an update on the School Nurse Program and requests continued funding with eligible school districts to ensure that challenges to children's healthy development and early learning are being addressed.

School Nurse Program

The School Nurses continue to be successful in carrying out their scope of work. This past year:

- Over 137,000 services were provided to children and close to 28,000 services to family members.
- 74% of children served were below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- 99% of approximately 10,500 children screened for a medical home had one at the end of service.
- 99% of the over 12,000 children screened for up-to-date immunizations had received them by end of service.
- Almost 39,000 children received health screening and were linked to health related resources.
- Almost 6,500 children received comprehensive screenings including developmental, vision, hearing, dental, health, health and weight.
- Over 230 health-related education trainings were provided to district and community staff.

Additional accomplishments of the School Nurses are included in Attachment 1.

Program Staffing

All of Orange County's 25 school districts with an elementary school are eligible to contract with the Commission in order to provide for School Nurse positions. School districts are allocated School Nurse positions based on a formula driven by the district's kindergarten enrollment.

Recommended changes to implement the funding formula include:

- Newport Mesa Unified School District previously had received an additional School Nurse position to implement the LEAPS Special Needs Project. Since the State Matching program has ended, and the School Nurse reassigned, continuation of the position is not recommended.
- Upon review of the current kindergarten enrollment and School Nurse allocations, Newport Mesa Unified School District and Tustin Unified School District have experienced an increase in their kindergarten enrollment. It is recommended that their number of School Nurses positions be adjusted to include an additional half FTE position in order to have parity in the funding approach.
- In order to fund the net half FTE increase in School Nurse positions, and remain within overall School Nurse designated funding, it is recommended that the funding per position be decreased as follows.

| FTE | Kindergarten Enrollment | Prior Annual Allocation | Recommended Allocation | Current # Districts |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 0.5 | Less than 500 | \$51,000 | \$50,000 | 4 |
| 1 | 500 - 999 | \$102,000 | \$100,000 | 8 |
| 1.5 | 1000 - 1499 | \$153,000 | \$150,000 | 3 |
| 2 | 1500 and over | \$204,000 | \$200,000 | 10 |

Funding practices that are proposed to be maintained include:

- To address challenges related to compensating School Nurses who have extensive experience in pediatric practice, previous Commission action authorized the Executive Director to increase a districts budget by a maximum of 20 percent on a case-by-case basis based on documentation of actual school nurse staffing salary cost.
- Commission policy has required that at least 90 percent of the contract maximum obligations be spent on direct school nurse staff costs. Other project expenses may include the equipment and project expenses directly related to the school nurse scope of work (i.e. validated developmental screening tools, scale to assess the child's age appropriate weight, vision and hearing testing equipment).

Level funding is recommended for the School Nurse Program services for Orange County's School Districts as shown in Attachment 2.

This past year, School Nurses have reduced their meetings to four per year to limit their time away from the school district. In their place, the nurses have developed School Nurse Regions to promote the sharing of common resources and in addressing local challenges (Attachment 3). A topic priority for the School Nurse Program meetings next year will be vision screening standards and practices.

Lowell Joint School District Contract

The Lowell-Joint School District currently has a combined contract with the Commission that includes the scope for both School Readiness and School Nurse services. The district has a total enrollment of over 3,000 students with five elementary schools, three are in La Habra in Orange County and two are in Whittier in Los Angeles County. The La Habra City School District has agreed to expand their School Readiness Program to include the entire city of La Habra, including the portion within the Lowell-Joint School District. To support this agreement between the two districts, the contract with La Habra City School District is proposed to be amended accordingly to add the funding for the Lowell-Joint School District (as specified in Attachment 2). The actual scope of services would be specified in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Districts, which will be incorporated into the work plan for the funding agreement.

Orange County Medical Officer for Schools

This past year, the Commission also allocated \$25,000 toward the annual cost of establishing a new Medical Officer position for Orange County schools. Research positively links effective prevention programs, and the early identification of children at risk of school failure to the onset of complex health issues which compromise long term outcomes. Orange County school districts and the children they serve would benefit from efforts to increase the knowledge of the importance of children's health on learning by promoting the practice of exemplary school health standards.

Community funding partners, including Hoag Hospital and County/Proposition 63 - Mental Health Services Act, have jointly designed the job description and participated in the recruitment and selection process. An announcement of the selected candidate is imminent. Employed with the Orange County Department of Education, the Medical Officer will make meaningful contributions by:

- Advising in the development of comprehensive integrated physical and mental health programs and services for Orange County schools.
- Providing expert medical and mental health consultation to school boards, nurses, and other district staff.
- Assisting with emergency and crisis management, responding to the needs of school communities.
- Acting as an ambassador and facilitating agency partnerships to champion children's health.

The Medical Officer will serve as a critical liaison between the Orange County schools, the school based clinics, school nurses including those funded by the Commission, and the medical community including the County Health Officer.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed action has been reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Healthy Children goal. Recommended annual funding of \$3.5 million is in the long-term financial plan and will be developed into the proposed FY 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14 budgets to cover the term of the agreements.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- July 2008 – Authorized funding renewal for School Nurse contracts
- June 2007 – Added school nurse positions and adjusted staff compensation to align with district pay scales.
- June 2004 – Established School Nurse Initiative

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution (Attachment 4) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreements with the designated organizations to provide School Nurse Program Services for the term and in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 2.
2. Authorize the Executive Director, at his sole discretion, to increase the maximum obligation for any district by an amount not to exceed 20 percent on documentation of actual school nurse staff salary cost.
3. Approve consolidation of School Nurse Program allocations for Lowell-Joint School District into contract with La Habra City School District, subject to approval of work plan by Executive Director.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. School Nurse Program Accomplishments
2. School Nurse Program Maximum Allocation Chart FY 2011/14
3. Orange County School Readiness Nurse Regional Map
4. Resolution authorizing Executive Director to contract with specified school districts to implement School Nurse Program

Contact: Alyce Mastrianni

School Nurse Program Accomplishments and Planning Regions

| Priority | Progress |
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| <p>Increase community outreach to priority populations including teen mothers and homeless children.</p> | <p>School Nurse health screening and education services are now provided at the following community sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capistrano Unified Teen Parent Program • Families Forward • Fullerton Joint High School District/La Vista • Garden Grove Unified Teen Parent Program • Huntington Beach High School District/Valley Vista Pregnant and Teen Mom Program • Human Options • La Habra – Teen Pregnant and Parenting Programs • Laura’s House • Mary’s Shelter • Ocean View School District – Coast High School Pregnant and Teen Mom Program • Precious Life Shelter • Saddleback Valley Unified School District/Silverado Continuation School Teen Parent Program • Silverado Continuation School • Winnie Hopkins / Teen Moms <p>School Nurses have collaborated with the “Essentials for Young Lives” Campaign by providing multiple donation collection sites in the districts.</p> |
| <p>Increase collaboration with community resource centers throughout the county.</p> | <p>School Nurse health screening and education services have been extended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaheim/Fullerton Family Resource Center • Buena Clinton Family Resource Center • CHEC Family Resource Center • Danbrook Neighborhood Resource Center • Garnet Community Center • Irvine Child Resource Center • La Habra Family Resource Center • Magnolia Park Family Resource Center • Oakview Family Resource Center • South Orange County Family Resource Center • The Friendly Center – Orange, Main & North • The Friendly Center - Placentia • West Anaheim Youth Center • Westminster Family Resource Center |
| <p>Increase access to and entry of young children in the CAIR Immunization Registry.</p> | <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Ana Unified School District – focused collaboration led to an additional 800+ students being entered into CAIR. • Garden Grove Unified School District – entered 1550 PreK and Twilight student’s records in to CAIR, while continuing to look up student’s immunization status in CAIR. <p>In addition, educational campaigns, special clinics and other efforts such as health fairs were coordinated to address Pertussis concerns.</p> <p>School Nurses participated in county-wide “Point of Dispensing” disaster response drills and provided flu vaccine to multiple children and pregnant mothers.</p> |

School Nurse Program
Maximum Allocation Chart - FY 2011/2014

| School District | Contract Number | Annual Maximum Allocation | School Nurse FTE Staffing | 3-Year Contract Maximum Allocation |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Anaheim City School District | FCI-SD-01 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Brea Olinda Unified School District | FCI-SD-02 | \$ 50,000 | 0.5 | \$150,000 |
| Buena Park School District | FCI-SD-03 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Capistrano Unified School District | FCI-SD-04 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Centralia School District | FCI-SD-05 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Cypress School District | FCI-SD-06 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Fountain Valley School District | FCI-SD-07 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Fullerton School District | FCI-SD-08 | \$150,000 | 1.5 | \$450,000 |
| Garden Grove Unified School District | FCI-SD-09 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Huntington Beach City School District | FCI-SD-10 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Irvine Unified School District | FCI-SD-11 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Laguna Beach Unified School District | FCI-SD-12 | \$ 50,000 | 0.5 | \$150,000 |
| La Habra City School District* | FCI-SD-13 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Los Alamitos Unified School District | FCI-SD-14 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Lowell Joint School District * | FCI-SD-15 | \$ 50,000 | 0.5 | \$150,000 |
| Magnolia School District | FCI-SD-16 | \$100,000 | 1.0 | \$300,000 |
| Newport Mesa Unified School District ** | FCI-SD-17 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Ocean View School District | FCI-SD-18 | \$150,000 | 1.5 | \$450,000 |
| Orange Unified School District | FCI-SD-19 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District | FCI-SD-20 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Saddleback Valley Unified School District | FCI-SD-21 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Santa Ana Unified School District | FCI-SD-22 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Savanna School District | FCI-SD-23 | \$ 50,000 | 0.5 | \$150,000 |
| Tustin Unified School District** | FCI-SD-24 | \$200,000 | 2.0 | \$600,000 |
| Westminster School District | FCI-SD-25 | \$150,000 | 1.5 | \$450,000 |
| Orange County Department of Education*** | FCI-SD-26 | \$25,000 | N/A | \$75,000 |
| TOTAL DISTRICT ALLOCATION | | \$3,475,000 | 34.5 | \$10,425,000 |

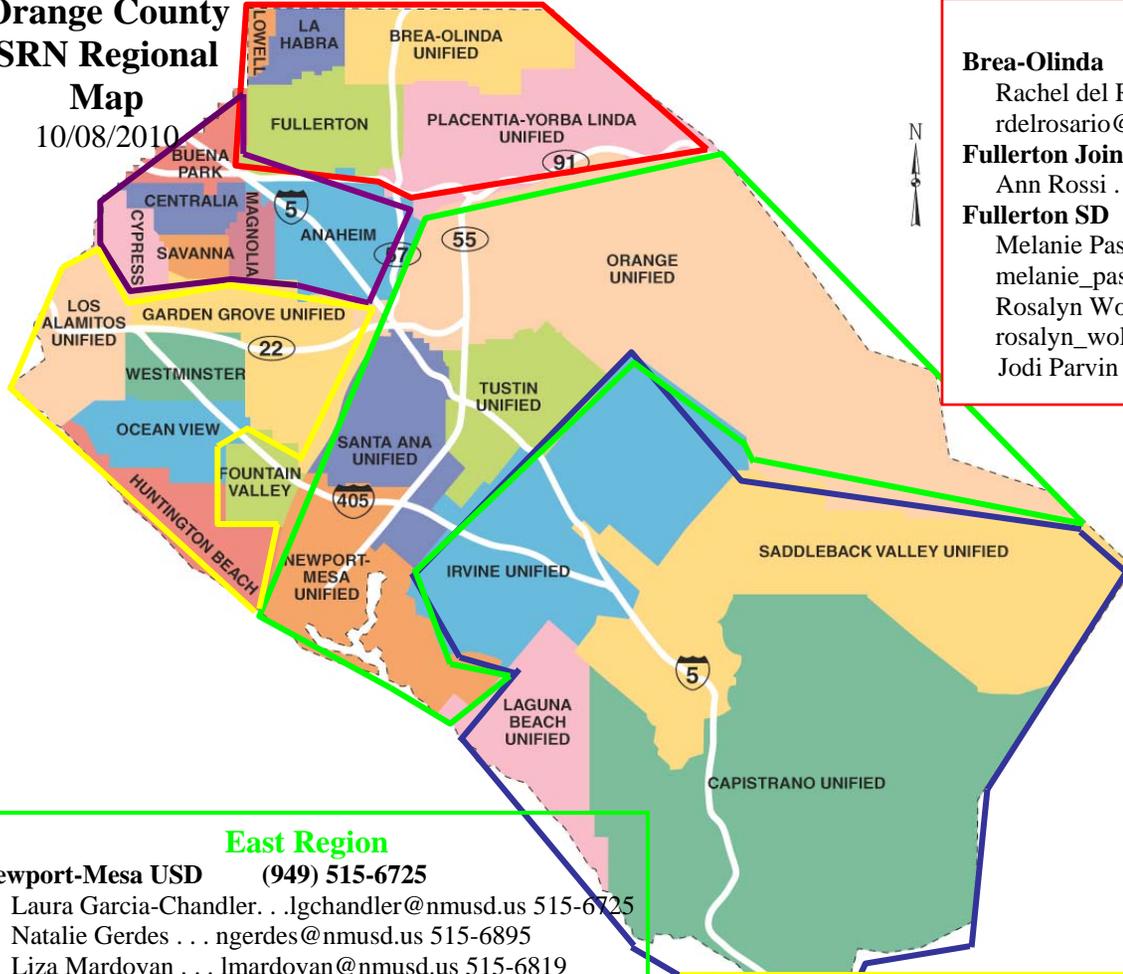
* Lowell Joint School District funding may be contracted through the La Habra City School District

**District FTE allocation increased by .5 FTE in relation to changes in Kindergarten enrollment

*** School Medical Officer project is funded in collaboration with Hoag Hospital and Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act.

Orange County SRN Regional Map

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-11-C&FC

March 2, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE INITIATIVE; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH 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, the Executive Director and Commission Counsel have prepared a standard Master Agreement for Services (“Master Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Agreements with each of the Organizations, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” in each of the Agreements authorized herein, to provide services related to the School Nurse Initiative for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 2 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, each Contractor desires to enter into the applicable Agreements in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the March 2, 2011 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed 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 Agreements with each of the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions specified in Attachment 2 to the March 2, 2011 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, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Agreements with each of the Contractors as described in Attachment 2 to this Agenda Item to provide services related to the School Nurse Initiative for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, consistent with the March 2, 2011 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of the Agreements with the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts specified in Attachment 2 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item 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 or designee of the Agreements shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Agreements by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Agreements with each of the Contractors as described in Attachment 2 to this Agenda Item to provide services related to the School Nurse Initiative for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, as specified in the March 2, 2011 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 each final 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 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 2, 2011 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 Agreements)