



Children & Families Commission of Orange County

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Agenda Item No. 7
July 1, 2009 Meeting

CLERK OF THE BOARD
ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 24, 2009

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Status Report on Safety Net Investments

SUMMARY:

A core component of Children and Families Commission of Orange County's investments is the county's safety net programs, and the stress on these service providers continues to increase as the state and local economic conditions worsen. This report presents an overview of two areas where the Commission could provide funding support to increase services. In addition, a companion effort is in development to expand access to low- and no-cost services offered by Commission grantees throughout the summer that builds off of existing community events and is linked with Commission grantees.

Community Clinics

With the increase in unemployment and uninsured residents and lack of State funds to expand health coverage, it is anticipated that there will be an increased demand for services via the community clinic system. Allocating funds to expand service hours at each of the community clinics to encourage the clinics to provide weekend or evening hours, and a combined total of \$75,000 for the Commission's sponsored network of Community Clinics is recommended. Use of these funds is conditional on individual clinics agreeing to expand hours and outreach efforts to communities that will likely be affected by the economic downturn. Existing Commission clinic grantees will identify a plan to expand hours for each of the clinics with a maximum individual award amount of \$10,000. (NOTE: This proposed funding action does not include ambulatory clinics operated by UCI or CHOC which are funded under a separate program) A report on the progress toward expanding evening and weekend services will be presented at the September Commission meeting.

Cold Weather Armory- Family Redirection Program

The Cold Weather Armory opens every year in late November or early December and remains open until April the following year. The program has primarily served as a place for single, chronically homeless men and women to receive food, showers, and a place to sleep out of the cold weather during the winter months. As the economic situation has worsened there was an influx in families that sought services through the cold weather armory program. Due to the nature of the issues with the chronically homeless population, this is not a suitable environment for families with young children.

Last July, the Commission authorized allocating funds to the Redirection Program, making it possible for families with children ages 0-5 to have alternative shelter until they could transition

into a shelter program or get into permanent housing. On April 30, 2009 the cold weather armory program closed and at that time there were over 20 families in the Redirection Program. As of early June, all families that were involved in the Redirection Program had been placed either in transitional shelters, with family, in permanent housing or left the program. The outcome of the Redirection Program, final cost breakdowns, and areas of program improvement are being reviewed with Mercy House, the operator of the armory and the Redirection Program. It is anticipated that the number of families seeking shelter through the cold weather armory program will likely increase in the winter of 2009/10. A funding action to continue the Redirection Program will be presented at the September Commission meeting. Funding for this program has already been allocated within the Commission's FY 2009/10 budget.

Update on Remaining Safety Net Programs

Increased demands and gaps in service due to economic conditions and the instability of the state budget are being identified through a process with the safety net providers such as MOMS Orange County and Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County. Both organizations have taken proactive approaches to reduce staffing and limiting service provision to critical needs. An update for both of these organizations and any other safety net providers will be presented at the September Commission meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed agreements have been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and the recommended actions are designed to further the Healthy Children goal, among others. Funding for this item is included in the FY 2009/10 Budget under Healthy Children.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Amendments to Agreements with existing Commission sponsored Community Clinics in individual amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and a combined total not to exceed \$75,000 to provide expanded clinic service hours.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution for amendments to agreements with designated community clinics

Contact: Kim Goll

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-09-C&FC

July 1, 2009

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 COMMUNITY CLINICS TO PROVIDE EXTENDED PROGRAM 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, In 2007, Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into Agreements with designated Community Clinics to provide Program services in the Healthy Children goal area.

WHEREAS, In 2008, Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into Amendments to Agreements with designated Community Clinics to continue to provide Program services.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Amendments to existing Agreements with designated Community Clinics, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor" in each of the Agreements, in individual amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and a combined total amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide expanded clinic service hours as described in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item; 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 Amendments to Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the July 1, 2009 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, in individual amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and a combined total amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide expanded clinic service hours as described in the July 1, 2009 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, to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, in individual amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and a combined total amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide expanded clinic service hours as described in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item; 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, in individual amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and a combined total amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide expanded clinic service hours as described in the July 1, 2009 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 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 July 1, 2009 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)