



Agenda Item 8
May 4, 2016

DATE: April 22, 2016

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Center for Study of Social Policy Grant

ACTION: Receive funding from Center for the Study of Social Policy and adopt resolution authorizing agreement with Parsons Consulting for the Early Childhood-LINC (A Learning and Innovative Network for Communities) Research to Action project.

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County was awarded, as project lead of six fellow participating communities, \$60,000 by the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) for the Early Childhood- LINC (A Learning and Innovative Network for Communities) Research to Action project. The project will document the lessons learned and recommendations of the communities experience in developing and tracking outcomes and metrics related to early childhood systems. This agenda item requests approval to receive the funding and enter an agreement with the consultant who will perform key activities for the project.

DISCUSSION:

The Center for the Study of Social Policy research has found that an early childhood system comprises more than discrete services or programs within a given geographic area. It provides a coordinated network of comprehensive services and supports that meet the overall health and developmental needs of young children. In addition, successful early childhood systems share accountability for results across multiple sectors and use data to inform continuous improvements and innovations.

The Children and Families Commission has been one of the participating communities of the Early Childhood-LINC, a learning and innovation network developed by and for communities for over five years. The Commission, as project lead, with fellow participating communities including Denver's Early Childhood Council, First 5 Alameda, First 5 Ventura, Office for Community Child Health, Connecticut's Children in Hartford and Thrive in 5 Boston, was awarded a \$60,000 grant for the Early Childhood-LINC Research to Action Project for the "Measuring the Impact of Early Childhood Systems" proposal.

The intent of this project is to build upon the research and success of the Outcomes and Metrics Learning Lab and to test implementation of the proposed outcome measures and metrics developed under the Learning Lab. This project anticipates that the Learning Lab will develop a common measurement framework for evaluating child outcomes including systems and program

level metrics. The ultimate goal is to foster the development of measurement systems that assess whether systems that serve children are positively impacting their lives and their families' lives and what can be improved for better outcomes. The Commission's ongoing work on the annual Conditions of Children Report, Community Indicators Report, and Early Development Index provided strong qualifications for this work.

The participating communities will need the services of a consultant to facilitate working group sessions with participating community representatives; document the experiences of the local communities; and develop recommendations for replication and implications for broader system change engagement. Parsons Consulting is the proposed consultant to undertake this role and was selected from the Commission's prequalified evaluation on-call list. The budget for the consultant's work totals \$45,000. The balance of the \$60,000 grant award will be used for travel and administrative expenses.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This project has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal area. The total request is for \$45,000 and is funded through a grant from the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive funding in the amount of \$60,000 from the Center for the Study of Social Policy.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or designee to enter agreement C-345 with Parsons Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the term beginning May 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution authorizing agreement C-345 with Parsons Consulting, Inc.

Contact: Lucy Lin

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 AGREEMENT C-345 WITH PARSONS CONSULTING, INC. TO FACILITATE THE MEASURING THE IMPACT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEMS 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 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 Consultant Services Agreement, which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter Agreement C-345 (“Agreement”) with Parsons Consulting, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”, to facilitate the Measuring the Impact of Early Childhood Systems project for the terms and in the amounts as specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report; and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to enter into the Agreement with Commission in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable 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 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 the Agreement with the Contractor in the amount and for the terms 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 authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the Agreement with the Contractor as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item to facilitate the Measuring the Impact of Early Childhood Systems project in the amounts and for the terms consistent with the May 4, 2016 staff report and scope of services referenced therein.

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 Consultant Services 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 Contractor as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item to facilitate the Measuring the Impact of Early Childhood Systems project in the amounts and for the terms as 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 Agreement on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the 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 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 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

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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(ies) of final executed Agreement)