



**Agenda Item 9
October 1, 2014**

DATE: September 23, 2014
TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County
FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Status Report on the Santa Ana YMCA Project

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission received a review of the first two years of the Santa Ana YMCA's operations at the September 2013 meeting. Since 2011, the Santa Ana YMCA has provided health and physical fitness services to young children and their families at the new facility. The review summarized the services provided by the YMCA and identified three priorities for the YMCA to address:

1. Improve data reporting compliance to more specifically report and document the services to the 0-5 population.
2. Continue to address ongoing sustainability issues, particularly as the program reserve funds are drawn down to support facility operations.
3. Develop strategies to implement the permanent structure for the Wellness Center, to realize the expanded scope of services for the facility.

At the September 2014 meeting, the Commission received a comprehensive update on these three issues and directed staff to work with the YMCA to develop a plan that would result in full compliance by the end of the calendar year. Staff was also directed to return to the Commission at the October meeting with an update and compliance plan.

DISCUSSION:

In May 2008, the Commission approved \$8.5 million in catalytic funding for an agreement with the YMCA to create and sustain physical fitness and obesity prevention/treatment services in Santa Ana. The site includes an aquatics center, an outdoor soccer arena and provides a home for Dr. Riba's Health Club, now known as Serving Kids Hope, for the assessment and treatment of children with obesity. While the initial planning focused on a larger facility and development of a permanent Wellness Center, the final approved plan in January 2010 was scaled-back to include only the aquatics center, outdoor soccer arena, and modular buildings.

Since September 2013, multiple meetings have been held with YMCA executive management to address the three issues as outlined above. A meeting is schedule to develop a proposed plan for compliance but due to timing of the meeting and the Commission agenda mail-out, the plan is not incorporated in this report. A supplemental agenda item with an update will be filed in advance of the October meeting with any recommended actions for the Commission's consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

Funding for the YMCA Santa Ana project was approved at the May 2008 Commission meeting and included in the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Budget under Healthy Children. There is no funding action proposed for this item.

PRIOR COMMISISON ACTIONS:

- September 2014 – Received Status Report on the Santa Ana YMCA Project
- September 2013- Received Status Report on the Santa Ana YMCA Catalytic Investment
- January 2010 – Approved Revised Project Plan
- January 2009 – Project Update – Phasing Plan
- September 2008 – Authorized a maximum 10 percent contingency allocation for facility costs for a total final agreement not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the construction and services at the new YMCA of Santa Ana facility, and the allocation of up to \$400,000 from the Health and Fitness Fund managed by the Orange County Community Foundation if necessary to offset the construction costs of the aquatics center and related facilities
- July 2008 – Approved redirecting \$2 million for the YMCA Health and Nutrition Fund to the YMCA construction project
- May 2008 – Approved Agreement for the YMCA construction project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive status report on the Santa Ana YMCA facility.

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