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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Approve Delegation of Authority and Adopt Resolution for a Local Agreement for Child Development Services for the Happy Hands Preschool

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to a Local Agreement for Child Development Services for the Social Services Agency Happy Hands Preschool.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the Director of the Social Services Agency, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend and terminate a Local Agreement for Child Development Services relating to providing support for the Happy Hands Preschool in an amount not to exceed \$62,641, unless additional revenue is available, for the period

November 6, 2008 through June 30, 2009, including the option for two additional one-year terms, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2011.

- b. Adopt Resolution entitled Resolution for Local Agreement for Child Development Services. (Roll Call Vote)
- c. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 147 - \$62,641 increasing revenue and expenditures in the Social Services Agency budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact to the County General Fund Associated with the acceptance of the California Department of Education Local Agreement for Child Development Services funds. The Agreement will provide \$62,641 in new revenue in FY 2009 for the Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children's Services.

CONTRACT HISTORY

Not Applicable.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Board of Supervisors policy for entering into agreements, the Social Services Agency is requesting delegation of authority to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Education for the period of November 6, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Future delegation of authority will allow the Agency Director, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend and terminate Local Agreement for Child Development Services should additional funding become available, thus eliminating the possibility in a lapse of contract resulting in the Agency's ability to maximize funding.

The Local Agreement for Child Development Services from the California Department of Education was announced in mid-2008, with final award contingent on passage of the FY09 State Budget. Late passage of the State budget in the Fall resulted in Agency not receiving a Local Agreement until early February 2009.

BACKGROUND

On December 17, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved delegation of authority to the Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children's Services to execute and accept a three-year grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), relating to the expansion of the Santa Clara County Dependency Drug Treatment Court by implementing a preschool program modeled after Head Start, among other components. The purpose of the grant was to provide intensive services to mothers and their children. The grant was extended and concluded on September 29, 2006.

The preschool component was originally housed at the Ujirani Family Resource center but was moved to a new facility during FY 2005. The Social Services Agency entered into a lease agreement with San Jose Unified School District for a preschool facility located on Julian Street. The preschool currently has twenty-four (24) dependent children enrolled and has served over 413 children since it began. All participating children have been neglected or abused and are or have been recipients of child protective services, a priority population for State preschool program pursuant to California Education Code Section 8236.5.b.1. The preschool is licensed by Community Care Licensing.

During December 2007, the Social Services Agency responded to a solicitation for State Preschool Programs from the California Department of Education - State Preschool Program FY 2008. The Social Services Agency requested funding for supportive services for the preschool such as field trips, shade block and water fountain for the playground, gardening boxes and supplies, curriculum, etc. The Social Services Agency applied for \$91,670.40 but was awarded \$62,641. Funding will be spent on those services/activities with the highest priority.

The Social Services Agency currently has a contract with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to provide meals to the children attending the preschool. The Social Services Agency funds one teacher and two teacher assistants.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Negative action will result in the Social Services Agency's inability to enter into a Local Agreement with the California Department of Education to support the Happy Hands Preschool.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Immediately following the February 24, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Social Services Agency is requesting the Clerk of the Board prepare two signed original Resolutions to submit to the California Department of Education. Contact Lynette Harrisson, Office of Contracts Management at (408) 491 -6877 when the resolutions are ready for pick-up. The Social Services Agency Director, or designee, will negotiate and execute the Local Agreement for Child Development Services and will forward a copy of the Agreement to the Clerk of the Board within 30 days of the execution of the Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution Relating to the Local Agreement for Child Development Services
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