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SUBJECT: Agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County for the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County for the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program.

Possible action:

- a. Approve First Amendment to Agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County relating to providing the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program, increasing the grant award by \$78,972 for a total amount not to exceed \$494,504, for period through June 30, 2009.
- b. Approve Appropriation Modification No. 111 - \$11,532, increasing revenue and expenditures in the Public Health Department budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of this action. The appropriation modification reflects the difference between the new contract amount and what is currently budgeted for FY09. The additional funding is being allocated to salary without benefits and training.

The first amendment increases the initial grant award by \$78,972. This additional revenue will be used to redirect 1.0 Public Health Nurse II to this project for the remainder of the grant period. The FY 09 cost for this position is \$80,023, with an annualized cost of \$160,045.

Per the Public Health Department's (PHD) agreement with FIRST 5, any revenue generated through the Medi-Cal Targeted Case Management (TCM) Program as a result of services provided via the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program will be retained by PHD for costs associated with the program.

CONTRACT HISTORY

In 2001, FIRST 5 Santa Clara County began contracting with the County for home visitation services through the Intensive Home-based Visitation Initiative for the Healthy Ventures and the Healthy Pregnancy Early Parenting Programs, and the Early Learning Initiative for the Franklin McKinley, San Jose Unified, and Gilroy Unified School District home visitation programs. Funding associated with these initiatives ended on June 30, 2006.

In July 2006, FIRST 5 Santa Clara County entered into an agreement with the County for the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program via the Prenatal to Three Initiative. The current agreement represents the third year of a three-year funding cycle.

Additional funding for the expansion of the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" Program was approved by the First 5 Commission on November 12, 2008. The First Amendment was received in final form by PHD on December 17, 2008 for the period through June 30, 2009.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the first amendment to the agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County will allow PHD to expand services to an additional 25 infants in the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program for the remainder of FY09. Approval of the appropriation modification will align the County budget with the funding allocated.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in July 2006, Public Health Department, Nursing Services, contracted with FIRST 5 to implement the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" Program. The program was originally designed to provide Public Health Nurse case management services to 94 medically fragile infants discharged from the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center. In order to qualify for the program, infants must be eligible for the CCS-paneled High Risk Infant Follow-Up clinic and reside in Santa Clara County. In FY07, the program served 64 infants and their caregivers. In FY08, the program served 99 infants and their caregivers.

In March 2008, FIRST 5 requested that the program eligibility criteria be modified to include substance-exposed infants and their caregivers enrolled in the multi-disciplinary Family Wellness Project. As a result, in July of 2008, the program's eligibility criteria expanded to include premature infants, born at 32 to 36 weeks gestation. These are infants who do not qualify for the CCS-paneled High Risk Infant Follow-up program, but who are believed to benefit from enrollment in SCVMC's Neuro-Developmental Clinic and PHN case management services.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact the ability of the Public Health Department to provide additional services to substance-exposed infants and their caregivers

enrolled in the Family Wellness Project.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Return two (2) executed agreements to SCVHHS Administration.

ATTACHMENTS

- First 5 Appropriation Modification
- FIRST 5 First Amendment
- Executed Agreement FY_09