

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

Mental Health Services



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SUBJECT: FIRST 5 Grant Award and Related Agreements

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to grant award from FIRST 5 Santa Clara County relating to comprehensive assessments and clinical services for children in the KidScope/KidConnections program. Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the SCVHHS Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to amend and extend grant agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, with funding to be determined by FIRST 5 in subsequent years, 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, 2012.

- b. Approve delegation of authority to the SCVHHS Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend and extend related agreements with new and existing providers, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, with funding to be determined by FIRST 5 in subsequent years, 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, 2012.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommended actions.

In FY07, the KidScope program, formerly known as the Center for Learning and Achievement, was transferred from the Public Health/Ambulatory & Community Health Services to the Mental Health Department, to enable the County to leverage federal Medi-Cal and State Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) funding. FIRST 5 funds, Mental Health Services Act funds, San Andreas Regional Collaborative (SARC) and Social Services Agency (SSA) grant funds are also budgeted for the continued operation of the KidScope/KidConnections programs and for the community-based support and therapeutic services provided by collaborating community based organizations at demonstration sites.

The FY09 expense budget for KidScope/KidConnections is \$5,633,861. \$1,225,817 of this amount is FIRST 5 funding; \$4,139,031 of this amount is Medi-Cal, EPSDT, MHSA, SARC and SSA funding; and the remaining \$269,013 (5%) is County General Fund. The same level of funded is included in the recommended FY10 Mental Health Department Budget.

CONTRACT HISTORY

In the past, both the Mental Health Department (MHD) and the Center for Learning and Achievement received grants from FIRST 5. Those grants expired on June 30, 2006. On October 17, 2006, MHD received Board approval to accept a grant award in the amount of \$995,645 from FIRST 5 related to these services, and approved delegation of authority for the execution of an agreement with FIRST 5 for the period October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. On November 7, 2006, the Board approved a modification of this delegation of authority, including an option to extend the agreement with FIRST 5, and delegation of authority to execute agreements with two additional contract providers. That delegation of authority expires June 30, 2009.

The Mental Health Department has current contracts with the following community based organizations (CBOs), to provide services related to the FIRST 5 grant: Children's Health Council, Community Solutions, FamiliesFirst (formerly EMQ), Gardner Family Care Corporation, Kidango, Parents Helping Parents, Rebekah Children's Services, VIA. A new contract with Catholic Charities is being processed at this time.

These are Type II agreements, as defined by the Resolution of Contracting Principles adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 1997.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In 2006, the Board of Supervisors accepted a grant award from FIRST 5 for comprehensive assessments and clinical service for children birth through age five and approved delegation of authority to execute agreements with FIRST 5 and related agreements with various community-based organizations providing children's services. That delegation of authority ends on June 30, 2009.

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the County to continue to receive grant funding from FIRST 5 and execute the necessary agreements with the community-based organizations in a timely manner. These actions will allow continuance of programs developed to target high-risk pre-school and early school age children and their families through the support of FIRST 5 funding.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve these actions will impact the receipt of funding and timely execution of the agreements.