

# County of Santa Clara

## Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

### Public Health



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Various Actions Related to Agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County for Public Health Nursing Home Visitation Services

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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

Possible action:

- a. Accept Letter of Award from First 5 Santa Clara County relating to providing funding for the "Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program in the amount of \$264,825 for period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.
- b. Approve delegation of authority to Public Health Administrator, or designee, to

negotiate, execute, amend, terminate, and take any and all necessary or advisable actions relating to Agreement with First 5 Santa Clara County to provide Let's Go! Let's Grow program services in an amount not to exceed \$264,825 for period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, 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 December 31, 2009.

- c. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 049 - \$64,825 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 of \$264,825 for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and what is currently budgeted for FY10.

The \$64,825 in additional funding is being allocated to salary without benefits and training.

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 Program, 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!" Public Health Nursing home visitation program via the Prenatal to Three Initiative for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

The final award letter from First 5 regarding this new contract term and funding level was not received by PHD until August 2009 (following State budget decisions related to First 5 monies) and the action was listed as a Pending Board Item on the August 19 Health and Hospital Committee agenda, thus precluding submission to the Board prior to this meeting.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This new agreement with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County will allow PHD to continue providing

"Let's Go! Let's Grow!" program Public Health nursing home visitation services.

Services will be provided to 25 medically fragile infants and their families referred from the Valley Medical Center Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), High Risk Infant Follow-up (HRIF) program, 25 medically fragile infants and their families referred from the Valley Medical Center Infant Neuro Developmental Clinic, and 50 infants and their families referred from the Family Wellness Court (FWC) program.

Utilizing a Public Health Nursing home visitation model, Public Health Nurses engage parents/caregivers and provide information on ages and stages of early child development; educate and refer parents/caregivers to pregnancy planning, prevention and/or prenatal care; coach and mentor to foster a positive parent/caregiver and child relationship that contributes to the child's healthy development. Public Health Nurses provide services in the child's natural environment, treatment center and/or wherever the mother/caregiver and child are able to interact together. Public Health Nurses also make referrals to therapeutic services as needed and may transition families to other FIRST 5 System of Care services upon closure, as appropriate.

Due to concerns over available funding, FIRST 5 awarded a six-month contract rather than a full year agreement. FIRST 5 has indicated that if possible, this agreement may be extended through June 30, 2010.

If funding for this program is terminated on December 31, 2009, the Public Health Department will look for ways to mitigate the service impact on the medically fragile infants and their families.

## **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 Valley Medical Center. In order to qualify for the program, infants must be eligible for the California Children's Services (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. In FY09, as a result of the expanded eligibility criteria, the program served 125 infants and their caregivers.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact the ability of the Public Health Department to continue the provision of Public Health Nursing home visitation services to high risk infants and their caregivers.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- First 5 Letter of Intent

- PHD HV First 5 Appropriation Modification