



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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September 14, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee to execute all necessary agreements, and any subsequent amendments changing the amounts or extending the terms, between the City of Long Beach and the South Bay Center for Counseling in the amount of \$30,720 to provide Family Support Program Activities. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Family Support Collaborative was initiated by Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services to collaborate with its community partners to enhance the capacity of the health services system to improve the lives of children and families. Family Support is a community services program built on the principle of family empowerment, a commitment to capacity building for local communities, and the belief that families are better served when they can easily access needed services in their own communities.

Within each of the County's eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs), a lead agency was awarded a contract to manage the Family Support Program. The South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC) was awarded the Family Support Program grant through the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services in 1996 as the lead agency in SPA 8. Since 1997, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has provided services under the Family Support Program.

Under the Family Support subcontract, the Health Department's Center for Families and Youth (CFY) provides structured parent-child and/or family-centered activities to promote enriched activities for at-risk families. The program helps improve relationships between parents, children and families. Activities include family dinner nights, self-esteem building activities, parent-child trips to sporting and cultural events, and community holiday parties. Activities are designed to teach families how to spend quality time together, facilitate positive family interactions as well as how to interact with the community.

Services are provided in cooperation with other City Departments and community-based organizations. The target service area for the Family Support Program is the entire City of Long Beach.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on August 16, 2010 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 25, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 14, 2010, as the Health Department has been providing services under the agreement since July 1, 2010 but cannot recover costs from the South Bay Center for Counseling until the subcontract is approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$30,720, for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and will supplement programs currently offered at the Health Department's CFY. Funding will be made available through a subcontract with the South Bay Center for Counseling, Partnership for Families Program. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) in the Health Fund (SR 130), and any revenue from reimbursements through this program will be deposited in this fund. There is no City match of funds required, no impact to the General Fund and no net impact to jobs associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER