



CITY OF LONG BEACH C-12

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 19, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary agreements and any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase grant amounts between the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence of South Bay for Partnerships for Families Services for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$8,518 and increase appropriations by the same amount in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Partnerships for Families (PFF) is an initiative of First 5 LA aimed at the prevention of child abuse. Focusing on pregnant women and high-risk families with children under five, the program includes direct prevention services, capacity building, performance monitoring and accountability. Within each of the County's eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs), a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Regional Office area was targeted to receive program services during the first phase of funding. Within SPA 8, the DCFS Torrance Office area was selected. Currently the DCFS Lakewood Office area, which includes the City of Long Beach, is currently targeted to receive funding in the upcoming grant year.

Since 1996, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) Center for Families and Youth has been an active participant in the SPA 8 Family Support Collaborative, coordinated by the South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC). In 2006, First 5 LA was awarded the SPA 8 Collaborative PFF contract for the DCFS Torrance Office area. The National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence of South Bay (NCADD/SB) is serving as the Collaborative's Fiscal Lead Agency for this program, and SBCC is serving as the Program Lead Agency. NCADD/SB is entering into subcontracts with members of the Collaborative to provide PFF service components.

Under the PFF subcontract, the Health Department's Center for Families and Youth will provide capacity-building services for collaborative agencies related to family outreach, recruitment and retention. These services will include: staff development training to enhance outreach efforts, service delivery and internal capacity; providing settings where parents and children can positively interact; providing ongoing opportunities for connections between families, service providers, and the community; developing positive messaging and outreach techniques; developing strategies that build supportive leadership and shared commitment to improve policies and practices related to the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and engaging local families in community-based problem solving.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 30, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 1, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 19, 2008, as the subcontract will be effective from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is equal to \$8,518 for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. These funds do not require a match of City resources and will supplement programs currently offered at the Center for Families and Youth. Funding will be made available through The National Council of Alcohol and Drug Dependence of South Bay, Partnerships for Families program and will be included in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health Department (HE). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:


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CITY MANAGER