



**To: First 5 Alameda County Commission**

**From: Rebecca Gebhart, Finance and Administration Director**

**Date: March 26, 2009**

**Subject: 2008-09 Contract Authorizations**

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#### **REQUESTED ACTION**

To review and adopt the following contract authorizations

#### **BACKGROUND**

Per our Financial Policies Section VII, the Commission must approve contract amounts in excess of \$25,000. The following contracts require specific authorization from the Commission.

#### **Alameda County Public Health Department - \$887,500**

A key component of the Children's SART System is the Triage & Referral Phone Line ("Triage") which will serve as the centralized hub for the larger Children's SART system of care during the pilot phase of implementation (2005-09 Strategic Plan, page 19). Staffed by a child development/early childhood mental health specialist, Triage will respond to phone calls and referrals from providers and provide consultation for children identified as having developmental and/or social-emotional risk, triage the referral, determine next step services and provide linkages.

The Alameda County Public Health Department Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP) program has submitted the Triage Specialist position for the Triage & Referral Phone Line to the State CHDP program to be included as part of the Alameda County CHDP scope of work. However, a local match ranging from 25-50% is needed to support the position.

First 5 requests Commission approval for a \$20,000 contract with the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) to provide the local match needed to support the position and enable hiring by the April 15, 2009 target date. ACPHD currently receives \$867,500\* in other awards from First 5. The addition of \$20,000

brings the aggregate contract amount to \$887,500 for which Commission approval is needed.

Action Requested: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$887,500 for the Alameda County Public Health Department.

Fiscal Impact: None. All funds are budgeted.

Recommendation: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$887,500 for the Alameda County Public Health Department.

\*Current ACPHD awards include the post partum home visiting contract (\$750,000), Asthma Start (\$62,500), Medical Home Project (\$20,000), Perinatal SART (\$35,000)

**ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY – \$1,533,609**

At the September 2008 Commission meeting, the Commission approved in principle the establishment of a \$100,000 match for the Children’s SART “No Wrong Door” funding (2005-09 Strategic Plan, page 19). Through the expanded screening process in Pediatric offices and ECE Programs, many children 0-5 will be identified with concerns who do not meet eligibility criteria for assessments in the tertiary and early intervention system. Some children will not be Medi-Cal eligible and will require another source of revenue to pay for additional screening and assessments to determine the appropriate services and supports for that child.

We are requesting the ability to broaden the use of the funds to include treatment for children. Once a child is assessed with developmental or social emotional concerns they may require additional treatment for which there is no other funding stream to support. The pilot phase of SART will collect information regarding how many children require additional treatment services, what treatments are needed, and the cost of the treatments.

First 5 is requesting approval for a sole source contract with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (AC HCSA) to manage the disbursement of \$100,000 to agencies as matching funds are committed and become available. First 5 currently has a \$1,433,609 contract with AC HCSA for the Special Start program. The addition of a \$100,000 contract would bring the aggregate contract amount to \$1,533,609 for which Commission approval is needed.

Action Requested: Recommend an expansion of the definition of the Assessment Fund from “assessment” to assessment and treatment”

Action Requested: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$1,533,609 for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. All funds are budgeted.

Recommendation: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$1,533,609 for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – \$180,000**

First 5 Alameda County has identified the Family Resource Network (fiscal agent Bananas) to assist with the development of the Family Navigation component of the SART system implementation. The proposed duties would involve the articulation of family navigation standards of practice, based on the SART Family Navigation Work Group’s discussion and analysis. In addition, the contract would include enhancement of the Family Navigation capacity of Family Resource Network, as they have been identified as a provider of Family Navigation services in 2009-10.

This contract requires a sole source authorization. The justification is that the Family Resource Network has expertise navigating all three entitlement systems for children with special needs: the Regional Center, the SELPA/School Districts, and California Children’s Services.

The Family Resource Network currently has a two-year Community Grant of \$150,000 for FY2007-09, and the proposed contract for Family Navigation will not exceed \$30,000 for 2008-09, for a total contract authorization of \$180,000.

Action Requested: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$180,000 for Family Resource Network (fiscal agent Bananas)

Fiscal Impact: None. All funds are budgeted.

Recommendation: Recommend an aggregate contract amount of \$180,000 for Family Resource Network (fiscal agent Bananas).

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