

Special Meeting of September 6, 2016 – 4:30 - 5:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield, CA

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Consent Calendar (5 min) Action**
A. Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for September 6, 2016
- II. Reallocation of Funding (55 min) Action**
A. Consider approval of a reallocation of funding in the Partnership for Early Access for Kids (PEAK) program to the following agencies as follows:
1. Up to \$120,000 to Solano Family Children's Services to provide the Help Me Grow Solano program and complete additional provider trainings for a revised FY2016/17 allocation from \$55,000 to \$175,000
 2. Up to \$54,196 to Child Haven to complete additional developmental screenings and Inter-Disciplinary Team meetings for a revised FY2016/17 allocation from \$78,000 to \$132,196
- Source of funding: Program Investment Plan joint First 5 Solano & MHSA PEI funds*
- III. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location Information**
The next Commission meeting will be held on October 4 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Annual Report, Annual Audit

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DATE: September 1, 2016
TO: First 5 Solano Commission
FROM: Ciara Gonsalves, Program Manager
CC: Michele Harris, Executive Director
Megan Richards, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Reallocation of PEAK Funding

Motion:

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Summary/Background:

Early Childhood Mental Health has been a priority of the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission for many years. As such, the Commission has aligned its funding with Health & Social Services Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Services to provide services for the Prevention and Early Access for Kids (PEAK) Collaborative.

In late August 2016, the Commission received notification that Children's Nurturing Project (CNP), the lead contractor for these services, was closing its agency.

The purpose of this Special Commission Meeting is to address the provision of the services that CNP was providing in the community and to consider reallocation of funding to the remaining PEAK service providers to complete the complement of services through June 30, 2017.

Discussion:

The PEAK collaborative is a joint project of the First 5 Solano Commission and the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention division of Solano County Health and Social Services. The PEAK collaborative provides many early intervention services, including:

- Developmental screenings
- Help Me Grow resource and referral services
- Inter-Disciplinary Team Meetings for children with multiple developmental delays
- Provider trainings
- Parent trainings
- Parent coaching

- Limited assessment and treatment services

This PEAK program is connected to mental health treatment services, as it is the gateway in which many families are identified as needing mental health services for their young children.

There are currently 4 providers under the PEAK collaborative: Children's Nurturing Project, Uplift Family Services, Child Haven and Solano Family and Children's Services. Each of these providers contributes to one or more of the above services. The services provided by CNP are the subject of this Special Commission Meeting. CNP was responsible for providing the following annual services:

- 200 of the 418 total development screenings
- Help Me Grow services, including 1200 calls, family navigation and community & provider outreach
- 10 Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT) Meetings
- 10 trainings for a total of 60 providers

Upon receiving notification that the agency was closing, First 5 Solano staff convened a meeting of the remaining PEAK providers and our MHPA funding partner to discuss the future of the PEAK program, since the current contract terms go through June 30, 2017. Options discussed included reassigning the services and related funding to the remaining providers, terminating the overall program early and re-bidding the services, or a combination of reassigning some services and reducing the level of services in some areas.

Based upon these discussions, our joint recommendation is as follows:

1. Reallocate \$120,000 to Solano Family and Children's Services for the Help Me Grow resource and referral line & 8 additional provider trainings
2. Reallocate \$54,196 to Child Haven to complete 82 additional developmental screenings and 10 IDT meetings
3. Approximately \$40,000 will be utilized to pay CNP for their expenditure for the services that were provided in Q1 of FY2016/17.
4. The remaining \$60,804 will remain unallocated. If this amount stays unallocated at the end of the FY, it will roll back into the Commission's Long Term Financial Plan and Solano County Mental Health Services Act.

The above 2 reallocations will ensure all services continue at the level of community need. Additionally, a reassignment of the HMG program to our local resource and referral agency is in alignment with the recent HMG Solano Evaluation Report and builds upon existing relationships and infrastructure within the County.

NOTE: Of the total contracted services, 118 screenings are not being allocated. Staff will revisit the level of need mid-year. Should the service trend show a need for these services, staff will bring an action forward to the Commission for consideration at that time.