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Recommendation for Award: KidSTART Center Services

Overview:

On October 6, 2014, the Commission authorized funding, five option years, and release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for KidSTART Services. KidSTART, which includes HHS funded Clinic services and Commission funded Center services (via two separate contracts), is a focused, comprehensive continuum of care to identify, assess, and treat children with complex needs at the earliest age possible when treatment can be most effective and cost efficient. These services are integrated to allow specialized staff to assess needs, develop collaborative treatment plans, provide unique interventions and facilitate long term care and coordination for the children and the families.

- The Center, overseen by the Commission, provides triage, assessment, referrals and treatment for young children with multiple complex developmental and social-emotional needs.
- The Clinic, overseen by HHS: Behavioral Health Services (BHS) -Children Youth and Families (CYF), provides comprehensive behavioral and social-emotional clinical treatment for young children.

The RFP for KidSTART Center and Clinic Services (which was a joint RFP with HHS-BHS) was released on December 9, 2014 in coordination with the County Department of Purchasing & Contracting and HHS. Proposals were reviewed by a Source Selection Committee (SSC) based on the criteria specified in the RFP. After a thorough review of the proposals, and in consideration of the requirements of the RFP and evaluation criteria, the SSC is recommending Rady Children's Hospital San Diego (RCHSD) for award of the Center Services Contract (pending successful negotiations). RCHSD is also being recommended to provide KidSTART Clinic services; approval is being obtained by HHS from the Board of Supervisors.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed KidSTART Center allocation is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County, and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Receive and approve the recommendation from the Source Selection Committee for contract award to Rady Children's Hospital San Diego.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with a project length budget with Rady Children's Hospital San Diego for up to \$1,100,000 annually for FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, and FY 2017-18. Funding for each fiscal year will come from that year's approved budget.
- 4) Authorize two additional option periods (one-year each) for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 with funding to be approved as part of each fiscal year's budget approval.

**Executive
Director Gallo**

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$5.5 million (\$1.1 million per year) will be approved for FY 2015-16 through FY 2019- 20 (including the two option years) from the Commission's allocation for the KidSTART line item in the approved Financial Spending Plan.