



Board Agenda Item 39

DATE: January 21, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: David Pomaville, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Partnership Agreement with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Community Learning Center Partnership Agreement with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County to co-locate County staff at the Lighthouse facility to deliver services, effective upon execution (\$0).

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Public Health to provide Black Infant Health (BIH) program services to families at the downtown Fresno Lighthouse for Children facility (Lighthouse). The recommended Agreement stipulates the County will be allocated a certain amount of space to provide services at no charge to the County. There is no increase in Net County Cost. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the Department would continue to provide services at their existing facilities.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2019. The time required to prepare and review the recommended agreement, received from Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (Commission) on October 1, 2019, did not allow presentation to your Board at an earlier date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost; no compensation associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

The Lighthouse provides a space where young children and their families are supported and prioritized to ensure they have a strong foundation to reach their full potential. In February 2016, the Board approved a Community Learning Center Partnership Agreement that provided space for the Department to provide BIH program services at the Lighthouse at no additional cost to the County. These services included weekly 'Sista Talk' groups aimed at educating and empowering African American mothers through their pregnancy and postpartum period.

Approval of the recommended agreement would allow the Department to continue utilizing the Lighthouse to provide an additional location for women to attend the BIH groups. The recommended agreement would

continue in full effect unless terminated earlier by either party. Both parties may terminate this agreement at any time without cause with at least 30 days advance written notice.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #31, February 9, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with Children and Families Commission of Fresno County

CAO ANALYST:

Raul Guerra