



# Board Agenda Item 45

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DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Joe Prado, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Retroactive Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the Fresno County Early Stars-Quality Early Learning and Care Program

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

- 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive revenue Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the Fresno County Early Stars-Quality Early Learning and Care program for training and technical assistance on health and safety standards at early childhood education sites, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, total not to exceed \$300,000; and**
- 2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health to execute the Tuberculosis Certification and Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Check Certification.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Approval of the first recommended action will provide the Department of Public Health (Department) with one year of funding from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) to support the Fresno County Early Stars-Quality Early Learning and Care (Early Stars) program. The program provides training, consultation and technical assistance on health and safety standards to early childhood education sites enrolled in the Early Stars program. The funding will support salary and benefits for two Public Health Nurses (PHNs). Approval of the second recommended action will allow the Director of Public Health to execute the Tuberculosis (TB) Certification and Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Check Certification, adhering to FCSS's requirement of having the servicing staffs be examined for TB and undergo background check due to performing services and interacting with students. This item is countywide.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

There are no viable alternative actions. Should your Board not approve the recommended actions, the Department would be unable to fund the services provided to the Early Stars Program and will not provide training, consultation, and training assistance to early childhood education sites.

**RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:**

The recommended Agreement was received from FCSS on November 17, 2025 and is retroactive to July 1, 2025. It is being brought to your Board in accordance with the agenda item processing timelines.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. The agreement will provide \$300,000 for FY 2025-26 to cover salary and benefits for two PHNs and indirect cost. The salaries and benefits for the two PHNs at 0.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) totals \$296,261. The Department's indirect

cost for FY 2025-26 is 24.47% but was reduced to 1.26% (\$3,739) to remain within the allocation. The recommended agreement will allow the County to use the funds as the local match to draw down Federal dollars under Title TXIX as Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for eligible services. Sufficient appropriation and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5620 FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

On March 26, 2019, the Board approved an agreement with FCSS that allowed Department PHNs to continue connecting County families with high quality licensed care and education providers, while supporting the providers in their efforts for continuous quality improvement of their services. On April 13, 2021, the Board approved a retroactive revenue agreement with FCSS for the Early Stars Program for trainings and technical assistance on health and safety standards at early childhood education sites. On August 23, 2022, the Board approved a retroactive First Amendment to the revenue agreement with FCSS extending the term by one year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and increasing the maximum by \$340,000 to a total of \$945,000. On August 22, 2023, the Board approved a retroactive revenue agreement with FCSS that continued the funding and services for the Early Stars Program from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. On November 5, 2024, the Board approved a retroactive agreement with FCSS to continue the funding and services for the Early Stars Program from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

FCSS developed the Fresno County Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Hub, in partnership with Central Valley Children's Services Network, WestEd's Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC), and the Department, to provide coaching, training, technical assistance, and assessments to childcare and early learning programs pursuing quality improvement.

The recommended agreement will provide funding for two PHNs to provide technical assistance, consultation, and training to local childcare and early learning sites enrolled in FCSS's Early Stars Program while utilizing the T&TA Hub. In FY 2024-25, the two program PHNs achieved the following:

- 319 childcare providers received coaching and technical assistance on health/safety best practices;
- 260 training to childcare providers on health/safety topics: provider self-care, medication administration, child nutrition, obesity and safety practices; and
- Consultation and technical assistance to childcare providers for issues such as safe sleep, proper diapering, communicable disease and smoking prevention.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to continue providing services that address the health and safety issues facing county childcare providers and the families they serve. The agreement contains mutual indemnification requiring each party to indemnify and hold harmless the other party.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL:**

BAI #54, November 5, 2024  
BAI #42, August 22, 2023  
BAI #36, August 23, 2022  
BAI #46, April 13, 2021  
BAI #40, March 26, 2019

**ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:**

On file with Clerk - Agreement with FCSS  
On file with Clerk - TB and Fingerprinting Certifications

**CAO ANALYST:**

Ron Alexander