



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County
From: Sam McCoy, Program Manager
Date: March 19, 2015
Re: Recommendation to allocate \$10,000 for oral health restorative treatment services

Background

In FY 2014-15, the Commission has contracted for oral health treatment services with Clinicas del Camino Real in the amount of \$60,000 and Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties (SBVC) Dental Care Foundation in the amount of \$130,000.

An additional \$20,000 in funding was allocated for treatment services through Clinicas for FY 2014-15, pending examination of mid-year spending levels. Over the past couple of years, Clinicas has found that many of the children they are serving have had other dental coverage (usually Denti-Cal), and are therefore not in need of treatment services funded by First 5. Consequently, a review of the mid-year expenditures and projections indicate that Clinicas will not be able to utilize the remaining \$20,000 of funding.

Through the contract with the Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Foundation, a portion of the funding is designated for children who require extensive treatment, often including more costly sedation or anesthesia. Services are provided through subcontracts with private dentists at a reduced fee. There continues to be an unmet need for these restorative treatment services.

Recommendation

The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to increase the FY 2014-15 contract amount for the Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Foundation by \$10,000 for restorative treatment services, in accordance with current need for oral health treatment services and provider capacity to deliver services by June 30, 2015. No new allocation of funds is required as funding was previously allocated under oral health treatment services.