



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 prevention 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. In addition, oral health prevention services (fluoride varnish applications) have been contracted through Ventura County Public Health for services in a medical setting and with Santa-Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation for services with dental providers, in the amount of \$60,000 for each contract.

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.

The fluoride varnish program for medical providers is administered by the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program at Ventura County Public Health. The CHDP program has the opportunity to expand their outreach efforts to more private medical providers and further promote fluoride varnish applications during regular well-child visits.

Recommendation

The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to increase the FY 2014-15 contract amount for Ventura County Public Health by \$10,000 to expand existing efforts to promote fluoride varnish applications in a medical setting, with a focus on private providers. No new allocation of funds is required as funding was previously allocated under oral health treatment services.