



AGENDA ITEM: 26-30

DATE OF MEETING: September 09, 2026

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**APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP (TCP) FOR
THE STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD IN MEDI-CAL PROJECT
TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027, AND INCREASE THE
CONTRACT AMOUNT TO \$100,000
(CONTRACT NO. CF26144 CHD)
[\$100,000 – PROP 10 FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Approve the First Amendment to Contract CF26144 with The Children's Partnership (TCP) to extend the contract term from September 30, 2026, through April 30, 2027, and increase the contract amount by \$50,000, from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The additional funding will support the second phase of The Children's Partnership's Strengthening Early Childhood in Medi-Cal project, including synthesis of stakeholder findings and refinement of policy recommendations.

BACKGROUND

The Children's Partnership's Strengthening Early Childhood in Medi-Cal project provides Riverside County and the broader Southern California region with valuable implementation insights, stakeholder feedback, and actionable recommendations to improve early childhood Medi-Cal access, engagement, navigation, care coordination, and service delivery. This work supports both regional and statewide learning through research, stakeholder engagement, convenings, synthesis of findings, and development of recommendations that enhance early childhood systems of care.

Phase 1 focuses on stakeholder engagement and identification of regional implementation themes; Phase 2 will translate those findings into a listening session report, refined policy recommendations, and a plan for informing future Medi-Cal policy and implementation. This Amendment authorizes the second phase of the project by extending the contract term through April 30, 2027, and increasing the contract amount by \$50,000. Phase 2 will continue to utilize a milestone-based payment structure, ensuring compensation is tied to the successful completion of the deliverables outlined in the Scope of Work.

This continued partnership supports the Commission's Comprehensive Health & Development priorities and the direction of the 2027–2030 Strategic Plan by strengthening coordination, access, and outcomes across early childhood systems.

May 13, 2026 (Action Item 26-15): The Commission approved a revised FY2025/2026 Annual Budget and Vendor List, which included Contract CF26144 with The Children's Partnership for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period June 22, 2026, through September 30, 2026, and authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract consistent with Commission policy.

The applicable Assembly Bill 339 requirements for this Amendment are currently being completed and must be satisfied prior to execution of the Amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Approve the First Amendment to Contract CF26144 with The Children's Partnership to extend the current September 30, 2026, contract end date through April 30, 2027, and increase the contract amount by \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the amendment on behalf of the Commission, subject to completion of applicable Assembly Bill 339 requirements and County Counsel approval as to form; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved by County Counsel, to sign amendments that exercise the options of Contract No. CF26144, on behalf of the Commission, including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of said contract, and if necessary, including a no-cost extension of the project period, without requiring further action from the Commission.

BUDGET IMPACT

Adequate appropriation has been included in the adopted FY 2026/2027 budget.
(527980-25800-938001-92945)

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 2 - Comprehensive Health & Development (92945)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None Known

ATTACHMENT

1. CF26144 A1 - The Children's Partnership