



AGENDA ITEM: 26-38
DATE OF MEETING: October 28, 2026
ACTION: ☒
INFORMATION: ☐

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – PUBLIC HEALTH
FOR THREE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD (CONTRACT NO. HSARC 27-012)
[NOT-TO- EXCEED \$379,242 – PROP 10 FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Approve MOU No. HSARC-27-012 with Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS-PH) for an amount not-to-exceed \$379,242 for a 12-month period beginning on the date of the last signature of the parties. The MOU will fund three full-time equivalent Community Health Workers II positions assigned to First 5 Riverside County programs and service locations.

The partnership establishes a financing model designed to use available Medi-Cal Community Health Worker benefit reimbursement when applicable. RUHS-PH will submit eligible claims and apply reimbursement attributable to services funded under the MOU as a credit against amounts charged to First 5. First 5 will reimburse actual allowable costs remaining after applicable third-party reimbursement, subject to the approved \$379,242 maximum.

BACKGROUND

The proposed partnership will assign three RUHS-PH Community Health Worker II positions to support First 5-designated programs and service locations. RUHS-PH will remain solely responsible for employment supervision, personnel administration, required qualifications and training, equipment, electronic health record access, clinical and billing oversight, and compliance with applicable Medi-Cal requirements. First 5 will identify program priorities, provide appropriate workspace, and coordinate on-site assignments within the approved scope.

The MOU creates an opportunity to braid available health care reimbursement with First 5 funding. When services meet applicable eligibility, documentation, supervising-provider, and payer requirements, RUHS-PH will submit claims to the appropriate Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. Reimbursement attributable to services funded under the MOU will reduce the amount charged to First 5. Reimbursement received after First 5 has paid the

related costs will be credited through a subsequent invoice or returned through closeout reconciliation.

The maximum MOU amount is \$379,242, based on an estimated annual cost of \$126,414 for each of three full-time equivalent positions. First 5 will reimburse only actual allowable costs attributable to services performed under the MOU. Costs associated with vacant positions, services not performed, duplicate reimbursement, or billing denials resulting from RUHS-PH's failure to meet applicable documentation, submission, or compliance requirements will not be charged to First 5.

Actual First 5 expenditures may be lower than the maximum amount depending on staffing, service delivery, and third-party reimbursement received during the MOU term. The parties will reconcile costs, invoices, claims, and reimbursement throughout the agreement and at closeout.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. HSARC-27-012 with Riverside University Health System – Public Health for an amount not-to-exceed \$379,242 for a 12-month period beginning on the date of the last signature by the parties, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU, subject to County Counsel approval as to form; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve administrative modifications and budget line-item adjustments that do not increase the \$379,242 maximum amount, extend the approved 12-month term, materially change the approved scope of work, or alter the approved funding structure. Any increase in the maximum amount, extension of the term, material change in scope, or alteration of the approved reimbursement structure shall require further Commission approval.

BUDGET IMPACT

Adequate appropriation has been included in the adopted FY 2026/2027 budget. (527980-25800-938001-92960)

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

- Goal Area 3 - Resilient Families (92960)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Kim Saruwatari, Director Riverside University Health System – Public Health

ATTACHMENT

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