



AGENDA ITEM: 25-28
DATE OF MEETING: July 9, 2025
ACTION: ☒
INFORMATION: ☐

**APPROVE AND RATIFY CONTRACT WITH
RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
TO SUPPORT HEALTHYSTEPS SUSTAINABILITY
FROM JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026
(CONTRACT NO. CF25144)
[\$841,756 – PROP 10 FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Approve and ratify Contract No. CF25144 with Riverside University Health System – Community Health Centers (RUHS-CHC) for an amount not to exceed \$841,756, effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, to support continued implementation and sustainability of the HealthySteps pediatric integration model in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND

HealthySteps, a program of ZERO TO THREE (the National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families), is an evidence-based, team-based pediatric primary care model that promotes the health, well-being, and school readiness of infants and toddlers, with an emphasis on families living in low-income communities.

Since 2018, First 5 Riverside County has invested in pediatric care transformation through HealthySteps, an evidence-based model that strengthens developmental and behavioral support for young children during well-child visits. This contract continues that investment by funding HealthySteps Specialists, and technical assistance across participating sites, ensuring low-income families with children ages 0–3 have access to integrated supports including developmental screenings, behavioral consultation, and parent navigation.

On July 10, 2024 (Action Item 24-19), the Commission approved and ratified Contract No. CF24149 with RUHS-CHC for FY 2024/25 in the amount of \$841,756. That agreement emphasized sustainability planning and deeper alignment with Medi-Cal billing.

On July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-36), the Commission approved and ratified Contract No. CF24103 with Riverside University Health System – Community Health Clinics effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, for HealthySteps Sustainability and expansion to 3 additional sites.

On October 26, 2022 (Action Item No. 22-34), the Commission approved the First Amendment with Riverside University Health System-Community Health Centers effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023.

On January 27, 2021 (Action Item No. 21-02), the Commission approved contracts in three strategic goal areas in alignment with Riverside County Children and Families Commission strategic plan through 2023.

On September 12, 2018 (Action item No. 18-30), the Commission approved funding to support the pilot of HealthySteps which included RUHS-CHC.

FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT PERIOD

This contract reflects the final year of investments under the current Strategic Plan (2023–2026). During this period, RUHS-CHC will continue sustainability efforts by expanding Medi-Cal billing, increasing pediatric volume at participating clinics, and working with managed care partners to integrate the model into long-term care and payment strategies. Milestones reflect increased billing capabilities including pediatric volume targets and Medi-Cal alignment indicators. These advancements are reducing reliance on Prop 10 funds and positioning the HealthySteps model for long-term financial sustainability through integration with the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) structure and managed care billing strategies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Approve and ratify Contract No. CF25144 with RUHS-CHC for an amount not to exceed \$841,756 effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, and authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign the contract on behalf of the Commission, subject to County Counsel approval as to form; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee, based on the availability of funding and as approved by County Counsel, to sign amendments that modify the Scope of Work and/or reporting requirements within the scope and intent of the original contract, without requiring further action from the Commission.

BUDGET IMPACT

Adequate appropriation has been included in the approved FY 25/26 budget to support funding for this initiative (5257980-25800-938001-92945).

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 2 - Comprehensive Health & Development (92945)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. CF25144 A0-RUHSCH-HealthySteps