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April 07, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 April 7, 2015

PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR A
NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to purchase food and beverages for a Nurse Family Partnership conference.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to purchase food and beverages in an amount not to exceed \$4,300; fully offset by the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Deferred Fund for the 15th Year Anniversary of the NFP conference entitled "Planting a Seed". DPH will host the conference on October 21, 2015 at The California Endowment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for the "Planting a Seed" conference which is anticipated to be a four-hour event. Coffee, tea and water will be served throughout the conference and a hot buffet lunch that models healthy nutrition will be served to the anticipated 180 participants. Invited attendees include leaders of nonprofit organizations, community based organizations; NFP program funders; and senior level management from other Los Angeles County departments, Los Angeles County agencies, and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The goal of this conference is to bring together community leaders to engage in dialogue that will promote awareness of the benefits of the NFP program which they can take back and share with their communities.

The conference will explore how the NFP program utilizes evidence-based program proven protocols, and interventions to substantially better the life course of the young families by stopping child abuse and neglect, addressing drug use by pregnant women, and improving the health and development of their first-born child. It will also feature a guest speaker, David Olds, Ph.D., founder of the NFP Program who will discuss the benefits of the nurse home visiting program for the most at-risk families in Los Angeles County.

Additionally, the conference will serve as a platform to: 1) provide NFP programmatic updates and share NFP client experiences; 2) highlight NFP program successes; 3) detail the ongoing work of NFP within Los Angeles County; and 4) highlight the achievements of the DPH Public Health Nurses that work in this program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for the "Planting a Seed" conference to be held on October 21, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$4,300; fully offset by the NFP Deferred Fund that was accepted under the authority granted to DPH under section 2.4.2., Donation Reporting Requirements, of the County Fiscal Manual. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs began the NFP program as a pilot site that was initially funded in 1996 by the State's Department of Juvenile Justice and the MCAH program. The first full Los Angeles County rollout of this evidence-based program began in 2000 with funding from the Department of Public Social Services, Long Term Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Focusing on serving only high risk pregnant teens and women who were pregnant for the first time and living in poverty, NFP has been evaluated extensively demonstrating it improves birth outcomes, reduces child abuse, enhances child health, and provides sound economic benefits that are sustained for at least 15 years following graduation of clients from the NFP program.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

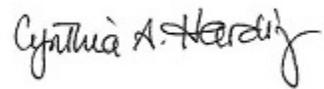
This conference will promote the successes and benefits of the NFP program throughout Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

4/7/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia A. Harding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.

Interim Director

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