

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR INTEGRATED PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 YEARS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) provides early intervention and prevention services through programs that are designed to meet the developmental and/or behavioral needs for children ages 0 to 5 years of age and their families and caregivers. These programs include the First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) Healthy Development Services and KidSTART Center, as well as the Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program.

This item brings together CFWB and the Commission to leverage available resources that include funding from the California Department of Social Services and Proposition 10 revenue to support the ongoing continuum of care that supports our most vulnerable children ages 0 to 5 years of age and their families and caregivers. For over 20 years, CFWB and the Commission have funded separate programs that aim to reach this focus population. The Commission's declining revenue has impacted these safety net programs, and in anticipation of a greater reduction in funding in 2026, the opportunity to partner with CFWB and integrate funding will help mitigate the projected reduction in services available. Furthermore, bringing these programs together into one procurement provides an opportunity to improve fiscal and contract efficiency while enabling an optimal, integrated continuum of care for developmental, behavioral, and social-emotional interventions. This endeavor will build upon the foundation of the aforementioned programs to continue serving children with developmental and behavioral needs for children ages 0 to 5 and their families/caregivers.

Today's action requests the Board authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for Integrated Prevention and Early Intervention Services. This item supports the Commission's vision that all children ages 0 to 5 are safe, healthy, actively learning, and embraced by loving families and caregivers in supportive communities. It is also in alignment with CFWB's commitment to empowering children, youth, families and caregivers to have the support, connections and resources to live healthy, be safe and remain together. Additionally, this item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have historically been left behind, as well as an ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by supporting families and caregivers in making healthy lifestyle choices, developing resiliency, and enjoying the highest quality of life.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Competitive Negotiated Procurement for integrated prevention and early intervention services, and upon successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, award one or more contracts for a term of one year, with four

option years and up to an additional six months if needed; and to amend contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has been instrumental in supporting integrated prevention and early intervention services for over 20 years, with the goal of improving the health and well-being of children ages 0 to 5 and their families and caregivers. This includes making developmental and behavioral services available to eligible families and caregivers throughout the county that support children in reaching their developmental milestones and school readiness. Children with developmental and behavioral delays face a wide range of social inequities that hinder access to resources and can negatively impact their quality of life through adulthood. Furthermore, social stigma and deficient support systems create barriers to optimal education, employment opportunities, and access to healthcare, which can lead to higher rates of poverty, unemployment, housing insecurity, incarceration, and disease risk. Therefore, early prevention and intervention services play a vital role in identifying and working to address mild to moderate developmental and behavioral delays in children ages 0 to 5. By focusing on integrated prevention and early intervention services, the County can support children with mild to moderate developmental and behavioral delays to meet their developmental milestones. This support system can lead to improved quality of life outcomes and mitigate negative socioeconomic outcomes.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. The integrated prevention and early intervention approach meets families and caregivers where they are and collaboratively formulates service plans that support their well-being. Through multiple evidence-based, family-focused models, this approach fosters positive parenting, promotes child health and development, and facilitates family strengthening and overall well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-27 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency, as well as the First 5 Commission of San Diego Operating Budget for FY 2025-26. If approved, this will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2025-26, and an estimated annual cost and revenue of up to \$13 million in FY 2026-27. The funding sources are \$9.0 million from Proposition 10 from First 5 Commission, \$1.7 million from Social Services Administrative revenue, and \$2.3 million from existing Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter