

# Summary of Commission Actions

## Meeting of November 8, 2012

### Increase in Funding for Place-Based Family Strengthening Authorized due to Better than Projected Response from Hospitals

The First 5 LA Commission approved an increase of \$4,633,500 to the FY 2012-13 contract authority for the Best Start Family Strengthening Welcome Baby Component due to the overwhelming response from participating hospitals.

Based on more recent analysis, as well as hospital responses to First 5 LA's Welcome Baby Strategic Partnership Hospital Letter of Intent (LOI) to implement the Welcome Baby program, the following modifications were requested and approved:

- Initial 5-6 month contracts are now anticipated for a total of seven hospitals, which exceeded staff's original projection of four hospitals.
- The Welcome Baby Oversight Entity is now expected to enter into a 15-month contract beginning in April 2013 with a scheduled renewal date of July 1, 2014. Original contract authority estimates were based on the expectation that the Oversight Entity would enter into an initial 5-month contract beginning in February 2013, with a renewal date of July 1, 2013.

The Commission also approved an amendment to the FY 2012-13 Program Budget to account for the additional funding authorized.

### Ten Family Literacy Program Sites Receive Funding Extension

Over 350 Los Angeles County families with children up to 5 years old will be able to continue to receive Family Literacy services through June 2013 after an action taken by the First 5 LA Commission. The Family Literacy Initiative involves a family-focused service approach

## Highlights

- Welcome Baby place-based family strengthening funding enhanced
- Family Literacy program funding extended
- New Executive Director's contract approved

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that includes four key components:

- Parent/caregiver literacy, academic and or vocational training
- Early childhood education
- Parenting education and training
- Intergenerational activities for parents/caregivers and children

The initiative, administered at six sites by LAUSD and four sites by LAUSD partner grantees, had previously received funding through March 2013 and December 2012 respectively. The enhanced funding will allow the sites to maintain the necessary number of trained instructors and aides as well as administrative personnel to continue to offer this successful program.

Any projected increase in expenditures related to this action for FY 2012-2013 is expected to be within the projected unspent funds for the overall Family Literacy program budget.

### Commission Approves Executive Director's Contract

The Commission unanimously approved a three-year contract with recently appointed First 5 LA Executive Director Kim Belshé. Belshé officially joined the agency on November 15.

### Program Budget Adjustment Approved

The First 5 LA Commission approved the following change to the FY 2012-13 Program Budget.

- Increase the FY 2012-13 Program Budget for the Permanent Supportive Housing Countywide Initiative by \$24,850,000. This is an addition of a new budget line item.

### Authorized Items – New Contracts, Contract Renewals and/or Amendments to Existing Contracts

None

### Other Actions

The Commission approved the minutes of the October 2012 meeting and the agency's financial statements for September 2012. The Commission also authorized staff to complete the final contract with the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles for administration and monitoring of the Permanent Supportive Housing Countywide Initiative and execute it upon approval of NOFA projects by the Commission. Finally, the Commission received and filed a report of Los Angeles Universal Preschool's (LAUP) performance against the FY 2011-2012 Outcome Targets and approved recommended changes to the First 5 LA-LAUP Master Agreement.

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The 17-member Board also includes representatives from other educational, children and families organizations throughout the county. The Board of Commissioners meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated at the First 5 LA offices. All meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted [here](#) at least 72 hours in advance.