



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001025

MEETING DATE: 04/28/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Health Care Agency

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024
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SUBJECT: Renewal Amendment for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$1,000,000
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: State: Behavioral Health Services Act: 100%	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		County Audit in Last 3 years: No
Levine Act Review Completed? Yes		
Prior Board Action: 5/21/2024 #28		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve Amendment No. 3 to renew the Contract with Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc. for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services, for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$340,000, for a revised cumulative contract amount not to exceed \$1,020,000, renewable for two additional one-year terms.
2. Approve Amendment No. 2 to renew the Contract with Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc. for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services, for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$660,000 for a revised cumulative contract amount not to exceed \$1,980,000, renewable for two additional one-year terms.
3. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute amendments with Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc. and Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc., as referenced in the Recommended Actions above.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Amendments to renew the Contracts with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc. and Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc. for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services will assist Orange County

providers to effectively manage the challenging behaviors exhibited by infants and pre-school aged children in early childhood settings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 21, 2024, your Honorable Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the Contracts with Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc. (BGCGG) and Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc. (CV) for the provision of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services (ECMHCS). The table below details actions that were executed pursuant to applicable authority. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to these Amendments.

Board of Supervisors Meeting Date	Contract/Amendment	Action	Term	Amount
May 21, 2024	Contracts	Board Approved Contracts with BGCGG and CV	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026	\$2,000,000
N/A	Amendments No. 1 & No. 2 with BGCGG	Deputy Purchasing Agent (DPA) Delegated Authority Administrative Revisions to Exhibit A of the Contract	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	N/A
N/A	Amendment No. 1 with CV	DPA Delegated Authority Administrative Revisions to Exhibit A of the Contract	September 23, 2025 – June 30, 2026	N/A

Scope of Services

ECMHCS improve mental health outcomes for children ages zero through eight, particularly those exhibiting challenging behaviors in early childhood education (ECE) settings. Young children in preschool settings are expelled at three times the rate of students in kindergarten through grade 12, often due to unaddressed behavioral challenges. ECMHCS support ECE providers throughout Orange County (County) in promoting social and emotional development, managing challenging behaviors and implementing appropriate interventions for children exhibiting ongoing behavioral challenges.

ECMHCS are delivered by mental health consultants with training in mental health and/or early childhood development and expertise in evidence-based practices, such as The Pyramid Model which is designed to promote social-emotional competence and prevent challenging behaviors in early childhood settings. Services include practice-based coaching, training and feedback for ECE staff. Training may occur at ECE sites, community-based organizations or online and includes topics such as trauma-informed practices, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), social and emotional development, challenging behaviors, screenings, assessments and referrals to community resources and behavioral health services.

These services are being renewed for one year to continue to provide early intervention services to this vulnerable population. Under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), at least 51 percent of the funding for services in the Behavioral Health Services and Supports category shall be used exclusively for early intervention programs and interventions such as ECMHCS that take a proactive approach to identifying and addressing individuals who are showing early signs, or are at risk, of a mental health disorder. A full spectrum of early intervention services for families, infants, and early childhood care that are billable and meet the new BHSA requirements will be developed and solicited during the renewal period.

Performance Outcomes

Performance outcomes for the proposed Amendments will measure the impact of services to increase the ability of ECE providers to manage challenging behaviors of children and promote prosocial behaviors. Data will be collected through pre- and post-surveys, needs assessments, consultation logs, and referrals and linkage logs.

ECMHCS provided by BGCGG and CV will provide targeted early identification training that equips caregivers and early childhood professionals with the knowledge and skills to detect early warning signs of significant emotional and behavioral dysregulation, supporting timely intervention and prevention of Serious Emotional Disturbance, and shall

achieve at a minimum the following outcomes:

Annual Performance Outcomes BGCGG & CV

Performance Outcomes	Charitable Ventures		Boys & Girls Club			
	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)		
Trainings Provided	1,344	1,031	405	705		
Early Childhood Providers Receiving Consultation	554	329	119	123		
Performance Outcomes	Annual Performance Targets		Charitable Ventures		Boys & Girls Club	
Child Behavior Management Skills	FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)
Number Completed Surveys	N/A	N/A	112	37	81	123
Percent of ECE staff reporting high or increased knowledge or ability to effectively manage children’s challenging behaviors	75%	95%	86%	97%	86%	89%
Child Behavior Improvement	FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (July-Jan)
Number Completed Surveys	N/A	N/A	<11*	<11*	52	16
Percent of ECE administrators reporting fewer children exhibited persistent challenging behaviors	75%	85%	100%**	<11***	77%	69%

* Exact numbers are not reported to protect the confidentiality of the individuals represented in the data

**Because the number of completed surveys is small, the percentage may not be reliable

***Because the number of completed surveys is very small (<11), a reliable percentage cannot be calculated at this time

Both providers are on track to meet their contracted performance goals for FY 2025-26.

Annual Contracted Performance Goals

Service Type	Annual Goals	Achieved	Achieved	Proposed
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Timeframe	FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26		FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	BGCGG	CV	BGCGG	CV	BGCGG	CV	BGCGG	CV
Number of ECE providers	100	350	119	554	122	316	125	550
Number of ECE locations	50	50	50	46	28	30	55	50
Number of Parents & Families Served	150	250	175	435	104	151	200	250
Number of Consultation Visits	150	1400	605	1817	511	834	500	1400
Number Direct Child Support	50	250	72	163	65	65	75	200
Linkage to Medically Necessary Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65	80

The Contractors' performances have been confirmed as satisfactory. HCA has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractors' ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests.

This contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment C for Contract Summary Form.

HCA requests the Board approve Amendments with Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc. and Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc. for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services, as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this Amendment will be included in Budget Control 042 FY 2026-27 Budget.

The Contract includes provisions allowing HCA to terminate the Contract, reduce the level of services, and/or renegotiate the levels of services provided, as necessary. This includes a notice that allows HCA adequate time to transition or terminate services to clients, if necessary.

STAFFING IMPACT:

An analysis was completed to determine the contracts provide the County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Amendment No. 3 to Contract MA-042-24010932 for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services with Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Inc.

Attachment B – Amendment No. 2 to Contract MA-042-24010931 for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services with Charitable Ventures of Orange County, Inc.

Attachment C - Contract Summary Form