First 5 LA

Date: July 9, 2020

SUBJECT:
Contracts for approval

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve one new agreement and one renewal and authorize staff to complete final execution of the agreements upon approval from the Board.

BACKGROUND:
First 5 LA’s approved programmatic budget for FY 2020-21 totals $101,459,000 and the approved operating budget totals $22,797,493. Funding for the new agreement and renewal was included in the budget which was provided as information at Budget and Finance/Executive Committee meeting on June 17, 2020 and provided for approval at this July 9, 2020 meeting under agenda item #6. For contracts that span fiscal years, the estimated spending amount for each fiscal year will be included in First 5 LA’s annual budgets for approval. Pursuant to contract terms, if the Commission does not appropriate funds for the agreement in future fiscal years, First 5 LA may terminate the agreement. Upon approval of the agreements presented below, staff will complete final execution.

There is one agreement for approval with Engage R +D. The Contractor was selected through First 5 LA’s Regional Network Grantees’ Community of Practice Request for Proposals. The Community of Practice (CoP) is a collection of collaborative reflection and learning sessions (face-to-face meetings, retreats, and web-based tools) that enable the Best Start Regional Network Grantees (RNGs) and First 5 LA staff to regularly interact, provide updates, share practices, and create a sense of community that inspires ongoing reflection, adaptation, and practice improvements. The Contractor will co-design, plan, facilitate, and support continuous improvement of the CoP for representatives of the five RNGs and First 5 LA Communities Department. Through the CoP, the RNGs and First 5 LA will learn together, assess progress, foster collective accountability, and inform approaches to address critical issues and opportunities emerging in the work. Communities of Practice provide regular spaces and convening structures that allow for the development and implementation of a full arc of discussion items over the series each year. This project supports alignment, efficacy and sustainability of community capacity building investments and efforts in Best Start geographies to support and promote the safety, healthy development and well-being of children prenatal to age 5 and their families.

There is one renewal for approval with St. Mary Medical Center. The grantee is one of the 13 partners in First 5 LA’s Welcome Baby program. Welcome Baby is a voluntary and universally provided hospital and home-based intervention program for women in LA County during pregnancy and postpartum. The primary objective of the program is to work with families to maximize the health, safety and security of the newborn babies, strengthen the parent-child bond and facilitate access to support services when needed. The contract renewal was approved at the June 11, 2020 Board meeting for $4,177,115. Due to a reporting error in the contract amount, staff is bringing forth the contract for approval at this July 9, 2020 meeting for a corrected amount of $5,516,968.

DISCUSSION:
Staff seeks the Commission’s approval of the agreements summarized in Attachment A.