



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

October 5, 2021

FROM

JACQUELYN GREENE, Interim Director, Preschool Services Department

SUBJECT

Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding with Loma Linda University for Vision Screening Services

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve non-financial Memorandum of Understanding with Loma Linda University for Vision Screening for children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs countywide, for the period of October 7, 2021 through October 6, 2024.

(Presenter: Jacquelyn Greene, Interim Director, 383-2025)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item is non-financial in nature and as such, does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of this item will allow Loma Linda University (LLU) to provide vision screening services, including electronic vision equipment-certified screenings, to approximately 500 preschool children enrolled in the Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs countywide, through an Individualized Supervised-Practice Pathways Vision Screening Program.

The Individualized Supervised-Practice Pathways Vision Screening Program utilizes trained volunteers designated by LLU and approved by Preschool Services Department (PSD), to perform the vision screening services at PSD sites. PSD will provide facilities and appropriate guidance for the provision of vision screening services to PSD children. PSD has contracted with LLU to provide no cost vision screening services to children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs at countywide school sites since 2015.

Head Start Performance Standards require PSD to perform health screenings to identify concerns regarding a child's developmental, sensory (visual and auditory), behavioral, motor, language, social, cognitive, perceptual, and emotional skills, within 45 days of the child's entry into the program.

PSD provides Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs that include comprehensive child development and family services comprised of education, health, nutrition, parent involvement, and psychological services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The overall goal of these programs is to increase the health and school readiness of disadvantaged children and increase the self-sufficiency of low-income families.

Contractor performance will be monitored by reviewing for compliance with the administrative terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The County may terminate the MOU without cause upon 30 days written notice.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Becky Giroux, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on September 10, 2021; County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on September 14, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on September 20, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on September 20, 2021.