



AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING: July 25, 2013
ACTION: X
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FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR CALIFORNIA HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY (CHIS)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Authorize funding of up to \$1,500,000 over a two-year period to continue fiscal support of the 2013-14 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). The two-year period will begin when the agreement is approved by the Department of General Services.

BACKGROUND

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Center for Health Policy Research, conducts the CHIS as a comprehensive population-based survey of California households on a two-year cycle. While primarily a health survey, CHIS also includes a variety of important data related to the development of children ages 0 to 5.

CHIS is the largest health survey in the United States. CHIS is a collaborative project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, the California Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Health Care Services. Funding for CHIS comes from state and federal agencies such as the California Department of Public Health, California Department of Health Care Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, as well as several private funders including The California Endowment, Blue Shield of California Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Kaiser Permanente.

The CHIS governance structure includes a Governing Board, Advisory Board, and staff. The Governing Board includes representation from its four collaborative partners. The 37 member Advisory Board is chaired by Diana Dooley, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency. The members represent a broad array of organizations with a vested interest in public health. First 5 California's Deputy Director of Results and Evaluation, David Dodds, PhD, MPH, is a member of the Advisory Board.

From 2001 through June 2013, First 5 California has provided funding to CHIS to capture data related to California's diverse population of children ages 0 to 5, including childcare and preschool participation, positive parenting activities, social-emotional development, developmental screenings, and health. First 5 county commissions use CHIS data to assess county needs, make program decisions, and as a benchmark for comparison to program outcomes. First 5 California also uses these data to determine the penetration rate of media campaigns and messaging.

The following table documents First 5 California's support for CHIS since 2001:

Year	Supported Activities	Key Deliverables	First 5 California Funding	CHIS Total Cost
2001	Overall child survey, no specific questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Health of Young Children in California" Policy Research Report • Data file 	\$2.1 M	\$13.3 M
2003	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$10.6 M
2005	First 5 California funded 39 specific questions covering children ages 0 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversampling children ages 0 to 5 • Strategies to increase sample of households with children • Revised interview methodology • Summary report • Data file 	\$1 M	\$12.5 M
2007	First 5 California funded 47 specific questions covering children ages 0 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversampling children ages 0 to 5 • Strategies to increase sample of households with children • <i>HealthSnapshots</i>, Internet-based system displays key 0 to 5 health indicators by county/region • Policy Brief • Data file 	\$1.5 M	\$15 M
2009	First 5 California funded 47 specific questions covering children ages 0 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversampling children ages 0 to 5 • Strategies to increase sample of households with children • Exposure to Second-hand Smoke Policy Brief • Data file 	\$1.5 M	\$17.2 M
2011-12	First 5 California funded content (approximately 45 questions) covering children ages 0 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversampling children ages 0 to 5 • Strategies to increase sample of households with children • Policy Brief • Data file 	\$1.5 M	\$9.4 M
Proposed 2013-14	First 5 California funded content (approximately 45 questions) covering children ages 0 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversampling children ages 0 to 5 • Strategies to increase sample of households with children • First 5 California funded content (approximately 45 questions) covering children ages 0 to 5 • Policy Brief • Data file 	\$1.5 M	\$17.9 M

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Data from CHIS are critical to First 5 county commissions for program development and targeting. By funding CHIS, First 5 California is supporting the knowledge and data infrastructure about California children ages 0 to 5.

Health and Safety Code Section 130125(d) sets forth the duty of First 5 California to provide for independent research, including the evaluation of any relevant programs, to identify the best standards and practices for optimal early childhood development. CHIS allows First 5 California to meet its statutory mandate in a cost-effective manner and supports First 5 California and First 5 county commission decision-making.

Furthermore, CHIS data comprise a supporting component of the Evaluation Framework (2005). The Evaluation Framework was sponsored as a joint effort between the State Commission and the First 5 Association. A joint Evaluation Framework Workgroup, including representatives of county commissions and state commission staff, developed recommendations through consensus. CHIS provides a common set of data about young children at both statewide and county levels. One of the Framework implementation tasks is to identify knowledge gaps related to children ages 0 to 5. Staff plan to consult with the First 5 Association to structure the 2015-16 CHIS child questionnaire to fill those knowledge gaps, to the extent appropriate.

Many First 5 California county commissions use CHIS data for needs assessment and county-level population data. CHIS data are made available through various no-cost venues such as the AskCHIS query tool and Health Policy Profiles. AskCHIS Neighborhood edition will soon be released by UCLA to provide additional subcounty-level data. CHIS child health information is also disseminated by other organizations including: Children Now's California Report Card & County Scorecard of Children's Well-Being, Kidsdata.org (Lucille Packard Foundation), and various county health reports. Many county commissions routinely use CHIS data disseminated through the user-friendly Kidsdata.org website.

With decreasing funding, First 5 county commissions continue to look for opportunities to work in targeted, deliberate, cost-efficient ways. CHIS provides credible, comparable data on the health of the First 5 target audience for children from birth through age 5. CHIS data have been used to assess needs, plan focused strategies, and document outcomes and change over time.

CHIS allows users to view statewide-, regional-, and county-level data by age, income, language, family structure, and ethnicity. These multiple-level views allow the First 5 community to make informed decisions about targeting programs to populations most in need of services. In addition, these data provide a benchmark for estimating the impact of programs.

CHIS questionnaire content specifically sponsored by First 5 California will focus on the following topics:

- Child care and preschool participation
- Positive parenting activities
- Parental perception of preschool quality and school readiness
- Use of the Internet for parenting resource information
- Oral health
- Awareness and use of the *Kit for New Parents*
- Child nutrition and obesity prevention

FISCAL HISTORY

Health and Safety Code Section 130105(d) provides in pertinent part that:

(d) Moneys shall be allocated and appropriated from the California Children and Families Trust Fund as follows:

(1) Twenty percent shall be allocated and appropriated to separate accounts of the state commission for expenditure according to the following formula:

(D) Three percent shall be deposited in a Research and Development Account for expenditures to ensure that children are ready to enter school and for the research and development of best practices and standards for all programs and services relating to early childhood development established pursuant to this act, and for the assessment and quality evaluation of those programs and services.

Funding for the CHIS Survey will come from the Research and Development Account as set forth more fully in the attached Funding Request Fiscal Detail form.

References

AskCHIS. <http://ask.chis.ucla.edu/>

Health Profiles. <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/health-profiles/>

Statewide Evaluation Framework: Final Report. First 5 Evaluation Framework Group, July 11, 2005.

<http://www.f5ac.org/files/First%205%20Framework%20Report%20Final%20v2edit-102705.pdf>

FUNDING REQUEST FISCAL DETAIL

Title of Request:		CHIS 2013-14 Funding			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Program Disbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Special Disbursement	
Amount of Current Agreement:		Up to		Expenditures to Date:		
Current Term of Agreement:			Through			
		Fiscal Year Detail				
			FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15		
New Amount Requested:		Up to	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	
Current Agreement						
Total Amount of Agreement:		Up to	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	
Proposed Funding Term:		Upon DGS Approval		Through	24 months from time of DGS approval	
First 5 California Account Name:		Research	Account Number	0637	Fund Availability Confirmed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes By: Kellie Westely
Statutory Purpose: Health and Safety Code 130105(d)(1)(D)		Three percent shall be deposited in a Research and Development Account for expenditures to ensure that children are ready to enter school and for the research and development of best practices and standards for all programs and services relating to early childhood development established pursuant to this act, and for the assessment and quality evaluation of those programs and services.				
Do our funds leverage others?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No		Commission Funds	Leveraged Funds	Total Funds
				\$1,500,000	Approx. \$10,600,000	Approx. \$12,100,000
Explanation: Data from CHIS are critical to First 5 county commissions for program development and targeting. First 5 California is supporting the knowledge and data infrastructure about California children ages 0 to 5. CHIS is also funded by the California Department of Public Health, California Department of Health Care Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, as well as several private foundations including The California Endowment, Blue Shield of California Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Kaiser Permanente.						
Key Deliverable Descriptions					Deliverable Date	
Project Management Plan					10 days following contract approval	
Data Collection Design & Final Questionnaire Content					October 2013	
Data Collection Report & Data File Delivery					June 2015	
Research-based policy report/s, PowerPoint presentation, and update of child health information included in Web-based tool and report on CHIS key health indicators					June 2015	