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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of a grant from the Napa County First 5 Children and Families Commission
(Touchpoints)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval to accept a grant from the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission in the amount of \$4,000 to provide funding for Touchpoints training to Napa County service providers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 23, 2015, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) received a grant award from the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission in the amount of \$4,000. The grant will be used to provide Touchpoints training to service providers in Napa County. Touchpoints is a child development model developed by the well-known pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton that focuses on the relationship between child service providers and parents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to

accept the grant funds. Approval to accept the funds will enable the County to pay for Touchpoints training in Napa County.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None.

Consequences if not approved: Without approval to accept the funds, the County will have to discontinue providing Touchpoints training or use county dollar to cover the cost of the training.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Each year, the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) submits a grant sponsorship application to the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission (First 5) to fund Touchpoints training activities. The Touchpoints Community Model was developed by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, a renowned children's pediatrician and psychiatrist who operates the national Touchpoints Project through Harvard University. The Touchpoints model is a strength-based, relational model promoting respectful and meaningful relationships between providers and families as the foundation of prevention, early identification and intervention. The ultimate goal is to educate providers on how to build trust with the families they serve to express their vulnerabilities, bring issues forward, and allow providers to be a part of their support system during difficult times.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to accept funding from First 5 to enable training for 35 providers in the Touchpoints Model. The Touchpoints training team has provided Touchpoints training to more than 750 providers representing a diverse array of services in the community.

HHSA's Public Health Division serves as the lead agency for the project. First 5 has funded Touchpoints training since 2001.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins