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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

**Subject: Authorization for the Director of Human Resources
to Establish one Fixed Term Public Health Nurse II Position, Effective
December 23, 2012 and Ending June 22, 2013.**

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Recommendation:

1. Authorize the Director-Human Resources to establish the following Fixed Term position in Public Health CMS Organization 5124, Children's Health Disability Prevention (CHDP), effective December 23, 2012 and ending June 22, 2013:

Job Code	Description	Business Unit	Department	FTE	Comp. Frequency	Annual Range
01433	Public Health Nurse II	5124	Public Health	1.0	Hourly	\$50,864.59- \$72,157.30

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: California Department of Public Health
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenues and Costs: FY 2012-2013

Revenue:	\$ 59,829
Costs:	
Direct Costs	\$ 54,390
Indirect Costs	\$ 5,439
Net County Cost	\$ - 0 -

The increase in the annual allocation is for the addition of this new position. The program is currently staffed with two Public Health nurses.

Current FY Budget Projections:

FY 2012-13 Budget Projection for 5120-5124 HCA Children's Health Disability Prevention				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	1,113,551	1,117,314	1,117,314	-0-
Revenue	1,156,145	1,156,145	1,156,145	-0-
Net Cost	(42,594)	(38,831)	(38,831)	-0-

DISCUSSION

The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care provides Public Health nurses to facilitate and coordinate well child health and dental care for children in out of home placement. The nurses, in collaboration with the Human Services Agency (HSA) Children and Family Services (CFS) staff and our foster parents, insure these high risk children get the health care they need immediately and on a routine basis in order to identify, treat and prevent further disability. The two PHNs currently in place have more than 700 cases to review every six months and coordinate needed health care as mandated by CFS regulations. The California Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the challenge to perform these activities and has increased its allocation to this program for FY 2012 – 2013 by \$59,829. There are sufficient appropriations in the Public Health adopted budget to cover this position for FY 2012-13.

With the additional nurse, we will be able to increase the ability to monitor each child and be proactive in addressing any health issues, allowing for more comprehensive prevention.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, Human Resources and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Patty Chan at 981-5222.



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