CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 18, 2014

Agenda Item: 4.5

Subject: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – First 5 Alameda County, R&R Agency, Las Positas College

Background: Las Positas College operates a Child Development Center (CDC) that is an inclusive, learning-centered program providing early educational opportunities that meet the social-emotional, cognitive, physical, creative, and personal development goals of its diverse young children and families. The Center is committed to providing a quality learning environment that is respectful and inclusive of all young children, their families, students, the community, and dedicated to supporting the early education teachers, staff, students, and the higher education community in their pursuit of research and professional development.

Alameda County is one of sixteen counties participating in the California Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant (RTT-ELC), a federally funded award to develop a Quality Improvement and Rating System (QRIS). Las Positas College CDC has been awarded participation in this grant, whose main goal is designed to improve the quality of child care so that more children with high needs are attending quality programs. As a QRIS participant, CDC staff will receive Environmental Ratings Scales (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessment scores; a highly trained QRIS Coach that will work with CDC staff to improve program quality; linkages to specialized consultation and other professional development resources; and financial incentives to support the program's quality improvement efforts.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will become effective upon agreement by both parties and shall remain in effect for two years. Either party can terminate the agreement upon giving a 30 day prior written notice.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with First 5 Alameda County, R&R Agency, and Las Positas College for the period of two years. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Lorenzo Legaspi / Date

Approved: Jannett N. Jackson / Date

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