

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 17, 2021

Agenda Item: 4.6

Subject: Approval of Standard Agreement with the State of California Health and Human Services Department of Social Services and the California Early Childhood Mentor Program, and Associated Subcontracts with Community Colleges, Chabot College

Background: The Mentor Program was developed at Chabot College in 1988 with the support of private foundations. After a break in 2001, the program moved back to our district as lead fiscal agent in 2013. The program offers a unique strategy to improve the quality of early care and education through building a mechanism to train and retain qualified staff.

The program selects and provides advanced training to experienced ECE teachers and Directors who become Mentors. Mentor teachers earn stipends to train student teachers. Director mentors work with current or aspiring Early Childhood Directors to enhance the leadership and program quality in the field. The student teachers earn community college, university or high school credit for a practicum completed under the guidance of the Mentor. Both the availability of compensation and ongoing training contribute to improving the quality of early care and education in the Mentor's and the student teacher's classrooms.

The program makes it possible for early childhood students to complete their Practicum course (included in the Curriculum Alignment Project's (CAP) Lower Division Eight). The Practicum course is part of the Degrees offered by all 104 partner community colleges. The Board of Trustees has previously approved this contract and its accompanying subcontracts beginning April 16, 2013 and subsequently each year since the contract came back to Chabot College with the Chabot –Las Positas Community College District acting as the lead fiscal agent.

This agreement is being executed as of August 17, 2021 for the contract term of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023. The contracted amount is not to exceed \$5,051,459.23 and authorizes Chabot –Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College to subcontract with 104 California Community Colleges to satisfy the terms of the contract. The subcontracts are in accordance with the program details and budget outlined in the award. A template of the subcontract has been attached for review and approval.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Standard Agreement with the State of California Health and Human Services Department of Social Services and the California Early Childhood Mentor Program, and Associated Subcontracts with Community Colleges, Chabot College, for agreement term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$ 5,051,459.223. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the Agreement and Associated Subcontracts with Community Colleges on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Theresa F. Rowland/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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