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DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Sarah Baray

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Angel Staffing Amendment

SUMMARY:

This item requests Board approval of an amendment to the healthcare staffing agreement for nursing services with Angel Staffing, increasing the contract value to a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pre-K 4 SA provides high-quality prekindergarten education to 2,000 children per academic year, with 500 children enrolled at each of the four Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers. All Pre-K 4 SA Centers are staffed with one full-time school nurse. School nurses are responsible for implementing and managing the Education Center's health program designed to serve each child through the delivery of direct services, preventative care, provision of health education and the promotion of a healthy school environment. The nurses' duties include assisting students with

minor medical issues, evaluating student needs, and making care plans to meet those needs.

Pre-K 4 SA is a full-inclusion model and supports the individual needs of all children in an inclusive environment. Some of the children who attend Pre-K 4 SA have chronic medical conditions such as allergies, asthma, hearing or vision impairment, feeding needs, neuromuscular disorders, seizures, and diabetes. Research has demonstrated that children who attend prekindergarten in inclusive environments developer stronger social skills and problem-solving abilities.

In recent years, Pre-K 4 SA has seen an uptick in enrollment of children with chronic medical needs which require support from the school nurse. In order to ensure the availability of nursing services in the event a full-time nurse is absent, Pre-K 4 SA entered into a healthcare staffing agreement for nursing services with Angel Staffing in September 2022. The agreement was for a term of two years, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

On January 23, 2023 Pre-K 4 SA released an RFP seeking proposals for medical staffing services. The RFP closed on February 20, 2023 and the evaluation committee is currently in the process of reviewing proposals. The new contract is expected to be brought to the Board for approval at the May 9, 2023 meeting. However, due to unexpected long-term absences by full-time nursing staff, the funding capacity of the current contract with Angel Staffing is nearly exhausted and is insufficient to ensure coverage until the new contract begins.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action authorizes Board approval of an amendment to the healthcare staffing agreement for nursing services with Angel Staffing, increasing the contract value to a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Funds are budgeted and available within the Pre-K 4 SA Operating Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this amendment not be approved by the Board, Pre-K 4 SA will have to discontinue the use of temporary nursing services to support the four education centers until the new contract has been approved and initiated.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval of an amendment to the healthcare staffing agreement for nursing services with Angel Staffing, increasing the contract value to a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.