# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 24, 2009	[X]	Consent	[ ] Regular
Department	l J	Ordinance	[ ] Public Hearing
Submitted By: Community Services			
Submitted For: <u>Head Start/Early He</u>	ad Sta	rt & Children's S	ervices

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** Third Party Sponsored Billing Contract with Palm Beach Community College (PBCC), for the period of January 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, in an amount of \$77,716, for services towards the furtherance of teacher education.

Summary: Palm Beach County Head Start received a competitive Training and Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services towards the furtherance of teacher education. This grant targeted Head Start teaching staff apprehensive about the college experience and thus a special program was developed by PBCC and Head Start to help them overcome their fears and give them the confidence to enroll in a degree-seeking program. A Third Party Sponsored Billing Contract with PBCC is required for effective implementation. PBCC will bill Head Start at a flat rate of \$235 per course/student. To ensure effectiveness, classes will be taught in a cluster format and Head Start will pay for all costs associated with courses to include tuition, applications and fees and books. The funds to support this project are included in the Carry Over Balance application approved by the BOCC on February 3, 2009 (R2009-0197) and submitted to the Region IV Office of Head Start, which has indicated it will be approved. The required 20% match is included in this year's budget. (Head Start) Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: The Head Start Act as reauthorized December 2007 has new requirements for staff qualifications. Palm Beach County Head Start successfully competed for a Training and Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services toward the furtherance of teacher education as outlined in ACF-IM-HS-08-09. The grant targeted those Head Start teaching staff who resisted all efforts to encourage enrollment in college, due to fear of the college experience, apprehension about their success with Math and or inability to benefit from tuition reimbursement because they lack the funds to pay for tuition in advance. To overcome these challenges, a special program was negotiated with PBCC to have staff enroll in a certificate program. Those credits would later be accepted towards a degree.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Financial Assistance Award Letter
- 2. Narrative Description of the Grant
- 3. Third Party Sponsored Billing Contract
- 4. E-mail Confirmation from Region IV

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#### **Toniett Summerville**

From:

Carmen Nicholas

Sent:

Friday, February 13, 2009 11:05 AM Rebecca Webb; Toniett Summerville

Subject:

FW: Availability of TA Funds for Carry Over

Please see e-mail from Regional Office. Thanks for your help to keep this critical item on the BOCC agenda.

From: Fredericks, Jeffrey (ACF) [mailto:jeffrey.fredericks@acf.hhs.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 10:35 AM

**To:** Carmen Nicholas **Cc:** Colvin, James (ACF)

Subject: Availability of TA Funds for Carry Over

Carmen, IT was a pleasure talking to you today by phone. As requested ....

Please be advised, the remarks section of the supplemental TA funds awarded 8/20/08 includes ...

Funds not obligated and/or liquidated may be reprogrammed into the next program year upon the Regional Office's receipt of a request which contains clear justification.

Please advise if anything further or different is need.

Jeffrey Fredericks, Branch Manager Region IV - Office of Head Start The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. - Suite 4M60 404-562-3591- Work 404-562-2982- Fax jfredericks@acf.hhs.gov- e-mail

From: Carmen Nicholas [mailto:Cnichola@pbcgov.org]

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2009 10:22 AM

To: Fredericks, Jeffrey (ACF)

Subject: test

Carmen A. Nicholas, Ph.D. Director, PBCHS/EHS 3323 Belvedere Rd., Bldg. 502 West Palm Beach, FL 33406 (561) 233-1611

"It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong."



### Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - Region IV - Office of Head Start
Office of Regional Program Manager

61 Forsyth Street, Suite 4M60 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8909 Telephone (404) 562 -2841 Fax (404) 562-2982

August 11, 2008

Ms. Addie Greene, Board Chair Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 3323 Belvedere Road – Bldg. 502 West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Re: 04CH3046

Dear Ms. Greene-

Congratulations! We are pleased to advise you that your agency successfully competed for FY 2008 Head Start Training and Technical Assistance funds as outlined in ACF-IM-HS-08-09. A Financial Assistance Award is being issued at this time in the amount of \$57,629. We hope these funds will enable your agency to proceed toward the fulfillment of the professional development goals of your Head Start staff. We regret if your proposal could not be funded in its entirety.

These funds are awarded for a period not to exceed 12 months. Funds not obligated and/or liquidated may be reprogrammed into the grantee's next program year upon the Regional Office's receipt of a request which contains clear justification. Non-Federal match for this award must be obtained unless written approval of a waiver request is provided by the RO. Additionally, these funds may only be expended for the furtherance of teacher education as outlined in ACF-IM-HS-08-09, issued April 16, 2008. Specifically, the authorized purposes are: tuition in the amount of \$46,267.20 for 51 teachers to take a 12-credit certificate course that would be included in their BA program, once enrolled. In addition, it includes \$11,361.78 for those 51 teachers to take a Child Development course that would also be included in their BA program.

Specific questions related to your application may be addressed to Olissa Williams, your Head Start Program Specialist, at 404-562-2863, or olissa.williams@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Marsha W. Lawrence

Regional Program Manager

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Region IV - Office of Head Start

Enclosure

cc:

Executive Director Head Start Director Policy Council Chairperson

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#### Palm Beach County Head Start/EHS Grant #OCH3046

# COMPETITIVE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS APPLICATION ACF-IM-HS-08-09

Palm Beach County Head Start and Early Head Start is funded to serve 1871 Head Start and 180 EHS children and their families. They are served in 15 grantee operated and contract providers and 4 delegate agencies throughout the county.

The grantee and its partners continuously seek to train, recruit support, and retain a complement of 132 teaching staff to meet and exceed the requirements of section 648 A(a) of the Head Start Act. To accomplish this, we have sought to access every available source of financial assistance including the grantee's tuition reimbursement program, Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Scholarships, Seeking Excellence in Education and Knowledge (SEEK) scholarships which are funded by Children's Services Council (CSC) and administered by the institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education at PBCC, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), Pell Grants, etc.

Recent deep budget cuts in all programs and agencies in the state of Florida threatens to significantly impede our ability to meet the requirements in Section 648 A(a) of the new Head Start Act. For example, effective October 1, 2008, Palm Beach County government will no longer have a Tuition Reimbursement Program.

Funding Level Requested \$62,173.00

#### Reason for Funding Request

Palm Beach County Head Start/EHS will no longer have access to tuition reimbursement to assist its teachers and assistants, as the county's Tuition Reimbursement Program is being eliminated effective September 30, 2008. Other sources of financial assistance to early childhood education professionals such as TEACH and SEEK scholarships are not available to the grantee's teaching staff because of local rules governing eligibility for these scholarships. This training is designed to help existing staff who may be fearful of the college experience or have apprehension about their ability to master Math to overcome these fears and gain the confidence necessary to pursue an AS or BA degree. This tuition assistance will also be extended to teaching staff who need to take six hours (18 credits) in ECE to relate their degree.

This will help PBCHS to meet the October 1, 2013 BA degree in ECE requirements as indicated in the Section 648 A(a) of the new Head Start Act.

#### Number of Staff

It is expected that 61 teaching staff including grantee, contracted and delegate sites will be impacted.

#### Type of Training that will be provided

50 teaching staff currently not enrolled in college will register in the Pre-School College Credit Certificate (CCC) Program offered by the Palm Beach County Community College. For those staff that may be fearful of the college experience or may have apprehension about their success with Math, there is a back door approach we can take which will give staff the confidence they need to pursue their college degree. PBCC has several certificate tracks in Pre-school, Montessori, High Scope and Infant/Toddler that run over a period of one year. These tracks include college level courses and will result in 12 credit hours. After completion of the coursework, staff will take an additional Child Development class for 3 credit hours resulting in 15 credit hours. After successful completion of this track, staff will have become acclimated to the college environment and will have gained a sense of success and work-school-family-life balance which are the tools needed to engage in a degree-seeking path. Application to the college as a degree-seeking student will take place and upon acceptance staff will have the 15 credit hours transferred towards their degree and if they have an active CDA, the college will articulate nine (9) additional college credits giving the staff member 24 credits towards their AS degree in ECE.

#### Pre-School CCC 6368

This College Credit Certificate (CCC) program consists of coursework in curriculum, environments and areas of child development associated with pre-school children.

#### Program Description

This CCC provides college-level courses in child development curriculum, classroom environments, adult-child interaction and parent relationships.

#### Career Path Notes

These 12 credits can be applied to the AS degree in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Pre-School.

#### Completion Requirements

Complete all required program classes.

#### Program Length and Location

Total program credits: 12. This program is offered on all four campuses.

#### Program Web Site

www.pbcc.edu/childcare.xml

REQUIRED COURSES	CREDITS
EEC 1001 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	
-or-	
EEC 1309 Introduction to High/Scope	3
EEC 1300 Early Childhood Language Arts	3
EEC 1311 Early Childhood Science, Social Studies & Mat	th 3

2.

There are also 11 teaching staff currently employed by the grantee who have an unrelated degree. These persons will also enroll in the Certificate Program to earn the ECE credits needed to relate their degrees.

Cost/person for the certification program = \$ 907.20 51 persons taking 12-credit certificate course @ \$907.20/person = \$46,267.20 51 persons taking Child Development Course = \$11,361.78 Subtotal cost = \$57,628.98

Although these courses are offered on the four campuses, PBCHS/EHS program in collaboration with Palm Beach Community College (PBCC) will facilitate a cluster/cohort in the eastern and western parts of the county to eliminate the need for excessive travel given the increased gas prices. We believe that the cluster/cohort format offers numerous benefits including but not limited to: ongoing support from college administrators, HS administrators, financial aid processing, peer mentorship, tutorial support for the cluster/cohort as a whole offering a targeted-results approach to the Math, English and Writing challenges that a large percentage of our teachers face. In addition, it offers easier maintenance of the staff's progress being that the cluster/cohort progresses together as a team and not as an individual.

The 40 students who will be seeking degrees will then take the College Placement Test (CPT). It is estimated that 50% or 20 will pass. Those who pass will apply for financial assistance (FAFSA) and seek qualifications for Pell grants and register as degree seeking students. Those students who may not qualify for Pell grants will be supported to secure student loans or other sources of financial assistance.

Students will have the option of enrolling in AS degree in Early Childhood Education, AA degree with at least 18 ECE credits at the Community College and later enrolling in BA or MA in ECE programs currently being developed by the local Florida Atlantic University (FAU) or through other universities.

Those who fail the College Placement Test (CPT) will then register for three (3) College Prep Courses at a cost of \$222.78/course. These courses will be provided in cluster/cohort format and additional tutoring in Math and writing will be provided.

 3 College Prep Courses @ \$222.78 each
 = \$ 668.34

 20 persons taking the 3 Prep Courses
 = \$13,366.80

 Tutoring @ \$2,240/semester x 3 semesters
 = \$ 6,720.00

 Subtotal Cost
 = \$20,086.80

Total Cost = \$57,630 + \$20,755.34 = \$77,716

Please refer to the attached chart for graphic illustration.

#### Staff selected and basis for selection

Three groups of staff were selected as follows:

Group 1: Forty (40) current Head Start teaching staff who are now not currently enrolled

in a degree program. These are the persons who are apprehensive about the college experience. Starting in the Certificate Program with classes that cover coursework directly related to their work in the classroom, will help them to overcome their fears and give them confidence to enroll in a degree-seeking program.

Group 2: Eleven (11) currently employed teaching staff who have unrelated degrees. If the request is approved they will be afforded financial assistance to take the needed ECE credits to relate their degree.

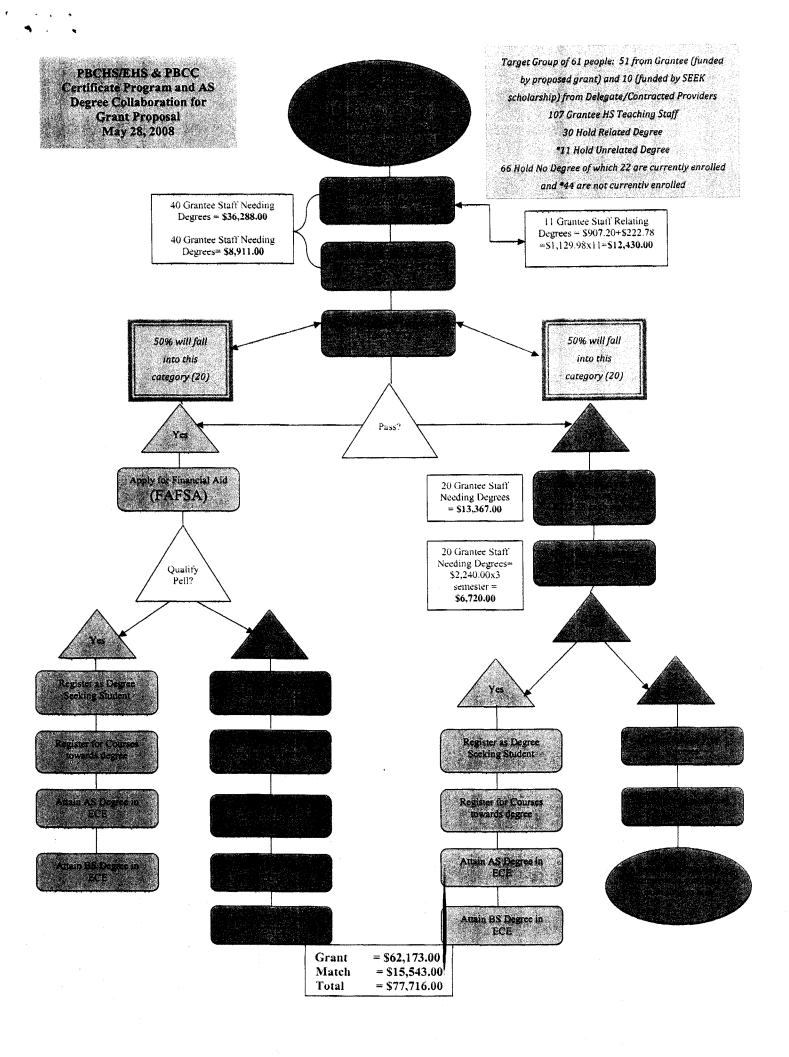
Group 3: Staff from the delegate and contracted agencies who are not currently enrolled. While these persons will benefit from the cluster format, their tuition will be paid through TEACH or SEEK scholarships for which the grantee staff are not eligible. In addition, they will benefit from tutoring assistance to be paid from this grant should it be approved.

#### Other information:

This grant application is requesting funding to assist staff not currently enrolled to acquire degrees, and degreed staff with unrelated degrees to get the ECE credits necessary. This need is particularly critical for the grantee teaching staff for the following reasons:

- 1) The county's Tuition Reimbursement Program will be discontinued effective September 30, 2008 due to budget cuts.
- 2) Staff in grantee directly-operated programs is not eligible for TEACH or SEEK scholarships due to local eligibility requirements for those programs.

Note: Delegate agencies and contracted child care agencies are eligible for the above scholarships and are using these resources to the maximum. However, this grant request also includes staff from the partners participating in the clusters and getting tutoring assistance supported by grant funds.





# Third Party Sponsored Billing Contract

Accounts Receivable Department Contract #

<sup>\*</sup> For term length contracts and billing, PBCC must bill during the term, not to exceed 30 days past the registration/ drop-add date. PBCC billing process would not mix or re-bill students, although balances may be outstanding.



4200 Congress Avenue, MS#11 Lake Worth, FL 33461-4796

Phone: (561) 868-3075 Fax: (561) 868-3080

## BILLING APPLICATION

Organization Name:	PBC Head Star	t/Early 1	lead Start	& Children's Ser	vices
Billing Address:	3323 Belvedere	Road, Bu	ilding 502		
City, State, Zip:	West Palm Beac	h, FL 334	06		
Contact Address:	SAME AS ABOVE				
Contact Person(s):	Helen Randall				
Phone Number:	561-233-1649	Fax l	Number: 56	1-233-1631	
The following individe Organization listed about		d to make	individual an	d/or group billing	requests from the
Print Name		Signature		Email Address	
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Helen Randall		Helw K	andaill	hrandall@pbcg	
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# Palm Beach community College Third Party Billing Procedure

- 1. The individual responsible for maintaining Third Party Billing Customers is Erin Jordan Accounts Receivable Manager (tel # 868-3575). The contact person in her absence is Adriana Wardlow Accounting Associate II (tel# 868-3085).
- 2. Parties interested in making Third Party Billing arrangements will need to contact one of the above mentioned individuals who will then provide a brief description of the procedure and forward a copy of the Billing Application.
- 3. A copy of the current Billing Application Form is attached herewith (electronic copies are available). In order to receive approval for a Third Party Billing Arrangement the applicant must supply all information requested in the form and agree to the following conditions stated in the Billing Application:
  - To pay fees of all the students attached to the billing arrangement regardless of subsequent changes in the student's situation such as poor performance; non attendance; discontinuation of employment etc. etc.
  - To settle all outstanding bills within 30 days of the invoice date.
- 4. The information required in the form are:
  - The name and address of the organization
  - The names, specimen signatures, and the e-mail addresses of officials authorized to sign on behalf of the organization
  - Duly certified by a senior official of the organization
- 5. When received in the Credit & Collections Office, the duly completed Billing Application will be reviewed for compliance and completeness and if approved, will then be processed into PBCC's Credit & Collections System (Panther Net). This completes the process of setting up a Third Party Customer in Panther Net.

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1	В	Anandavardhana, Charumathi	C13092234	Registered for Class
2	j	Frith-Richardson, Andrea	A06952774	Registered for Class
3	w	Singletary, Verlencia	V08472185	Registered for Class
4	R	Udoh, Dominica	D10148138	Registered for Class
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4	R	Coleman, Rosie Mae		NO RESPONSE
5	w	Cox, Barbara		NO RESPONSE
6	R	Daniels, Natasha	N06260525	Registered for Class
7	L		D09940750	Needs to Register
8	w	Davis, Donna		
9	WG	Dickey, Marlene	M12334256	Needs to Register
-		Dunbar, Kelli	K06620470	Registered for Class
10	W	Earle, Janise	J11102506	Needs to Register
11	R	Epps, Connie	C07957715	Registered for Class
12	R	Fields, Gloria	G08425373	Needs to Register
13	В	Fortson, Willie	W06016992	Registered for Class
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21	В	Leighton, Sharon	S09179706	Registered for Class
22	В	McGriff, Helen Rose	H13095591	Registered for Class
23	В	Mikhail, Marvet	M07209315	Registered for Class
24	R	Miller, Henry		NO RESPONSE
25	WG	Morris, Jacqueline	J07269954	Registered for Class
26	W	Richards (Rivera), Yvonne		NO RESPONSE
27	В	Short, Katherine	K10304285	Registered for Class
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4	PG	Moreland, Rebecca	R07416209	Registered for Class
5	PG	Tolbert Anna	A11150976	Registered for Class
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