

Memorandum Date: June 13, 2001  
Order Date: June 27, 2001

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**DEPARTMENT:** Children and Families

**PRESENTED BY:** Patricia Rogers, Department Director

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A TWO-YEAR \$660,000 CONTRACT WITH RELIEF NURSERY, INC. FOR CRISIS NURSERY SERVICES, AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT.

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**I. PROPOSED MOTION**

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**II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM**

At the June 5, 2001 work session, the Board of County Commissioners requested that any service contract exceeding the amount of \$500,000 be reviewed and acted on by specific board order, separate from the FY 01-02 budget. In addition, for service contracts which exceed \$50,000, the Board must delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract.

**III. DISCUSSION**

**Background**

During the first three months of 2001, The Lane County Commission on Children and Families (LCCCF) met to prioritize strategies for funding of services that support the goals of strong, nurturing families; healthy thriving children; healthy thriving youth; and caring communities. Strategies that were developed include:

- Primary universal prevention services to promote healthy family functioning
- Parenting education as the community norm
- Increased support of Family Resource Centers
- Increased community awareness of the importance of prenatal care and behaviors
- Additional child care in the areas of: infant/toddler, non-traditional hour, sick-child, child with disabilities, bilingual, low-cost, and employers provided

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- Social supports for youth other than juvenile court system
- Additional positive youth development
- Additional pregnancy prevention services
- After school programs
- Expanded services for runaway-homeless youth

During the planning process, LCCCF determined that crisis nursery services support several of the Commission's priority strategies and therefore the Commission reaffirmed its commitment to support the local crisis nursery services programs.

The Relief Nursery in Eugene was founded in 1976 to address the needs of families with young children who are living in poverty and whose children are at risk of abuse or neglect. The mission of the Nursery is to end the cycle of abuse and neglect through the provision of comprehensive services that include: therapeutic early childhood programs; parenting classes, parent/child interactive labs, and family strengthening and preservation programs; screening and assessment and evaluation for mental health and special needs services; home visitation services to isolated, high-risk families; crisis intervention and risk-reduction for families waiting to get into the program; an alcohol and drug support, counseling, and referral program; and, referrals to other community services and service agencies.

Their services are deemed essential in the early identification, treatment and prevention of families and children at risk of abuse and neglect. Specific crisis nursery services being funded through this contract include: a therapeutic early childhood program; a home visitation program; intensive parenting education; drug and alcohol treatment and recovery support services; child and family mental health services; special education; respite; and crisis response.

The success of this program in meeting the needs of community families coupled with concern for ongoing unmet needs around the state, led to the allocation of funds in 1999 by the Oregon Legislature to assist existing Nurseries and provide start-up monies for additional crisis/relief nurseries around the state. This money is allocated statewide through each county's Commission on Children and Families.

### **Analysis**

As mentioned above, in the final FY 99-01 Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) biennium budget, the state legislature allocated significant increases in directed categorical funding for Relief Nurseries appropriated, in SB 5548 (please see attached confirmation letter). For the FY 2001-2003 biennium, OCCF has again directed local commissions to fund ongoing Relief Nursery programs with this categorical funding, according to the FY 99-01 legislative mandate. Thus, no competitive process was needed, but the Lane County Commission on Children and Families (LCCCF) will still negotiate the contract and be responsible for ensuring that appropriate monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements are fulfilled. The Relief

Nursery, Inc. has been allocated \$660,000 for the 2001-2003 biennium; the new contract will run from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

**Alternatives/Options**

1. Adopt the Order delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract Crisis Nursery services with Relief Nursery, Inc.
2. Return the request to the Department for further refinement and consideration.
3. Reject the Order

**Recommendation**

Option 1: Adopt the Order.

**IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP**

1. Contract is negotiated, signed and processed with the Relief Nursery Inc.
2. County Administrator executes the contract.
3. Crisis Nursery services continue uninterrupted beginning July 1, 2001.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY 1999-2001 Award Confirmation Letter
2. Board Order

November 5, 1999

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The legislature has directed funds to specific programs for the current biennium. These allocations may include both state general fund and federal Title XX dollars. In speaking with the Legislative Fiscal Office, the legislative intent was to direct these dollars to the following specific programs:

John A. Kitzhaber  
Governor



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| Lane County      | Eugene Relief Nursery        | \$660,000                    |
|                  | Cottage Grove Relief Nursery | \$200,000                    |
|                  |                              | (\$571,682 GF, \$288,318 FF) |
| Marion County    | Family Building Blocks       | \$520,000                    |
|                  |                              | (General Fund)               |
| Multnomah County | VOA Family Nursery           | \$520,000                    |
|                  |                              | (\$245,757 GF, \$274,253 FF) |

It is our intent to have the Local Commissions continue to pass-through these dollars this biennium along with completing the related monitoring and reporting that is required of all programs. Your Local Commission has received a grant award document outlining these as directed resources, any requests for funds will need to be made through your LCCF. Please feel free to contact me at Ph. 503-373-1283 if you have any questions regarding this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Shawn Jacobsen".  
Shawn Jacobsen  
Fiscal Manager

Cc: Lane CCF  
Marion CCF  
Multnomah CCF



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

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**WHEREAS**, the Lane County Commission on Children and Families (LCCCF) was awarded increased directed categorical funding for Crisis Nursery services by the Oregon Legislature during the FY 1999-2001 biennium,

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Commission of Children and Families (OCCF) has directed LCCCF to fund Crisis Nursery services at the Relief Nursery, Inc. for the FY 2001-2003 biennium at the same level as that which was allocated in the FY 1999-2001 biennium,

**WHEREAS**, a competitive process is not required to disburse these funds,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners shall award contracts per the Lane Manual 21.120,

**WHEREAS**, upon approval, a contract will be executed with Relief Nursery, Inc., to provide these services, and

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the following contract dated July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2003:

**Crisis Nursery services**

Relief Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$660,000

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2001

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Anna Morrison, Chair  
BOARD OF LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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