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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
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**STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZING REFERRALS AND
INFORMATION-SHARING FOR THE
FIRST 5 / PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING HOME VISITATION PROGRAM**

The FIRST 5 Public Health Nursing Home Visitation (PHN) Program is a collaboration between FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (PHD), and the Department of Family and Children's Services (Department), to provide public health nursing assessments and home visitation services for eligible families in Santa Clara County.

This collaboration, funded by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, serves children under the age of 6 who reside in Santa Clara County and whose family is receiving voluntary or court-ordered services from the Department. Under the Home Visitation Program, Public Health Nurses work with parent(s) and caregiver(s) to provide the services during home visits that include but are not limited to:

- Assessment of the child which includes:
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaire / Social Emotional (ASQ-SE)
 - An evaluation of the child's health status
 - A home safety evaluation, including a safe sleep assessment
 - A review of the child's medical records
- Assessment of the birth mother, including a screening for postpartum depression
- A comprehensive infant/child nursing assessment
- Demonstration of infant massage techniques
- Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence assessment
- Anticipatory health and developmental education
- Referrals to providers, including Early Start/Head Start, FIRST 5 Family Resource Centers, San Andreas Regional Center, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department, mental health services providers, KidsConnection Network providers, California Children's Services, Santa Clara County school districts, preschools, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, child care providers, food banks, and medical and dental care providers.

The Home Visitation Program also provides services to pregnant and parenting foster youth, including non-minor dependent youth, who are receiving voluntary or court-ordered services through or referred by the Department. The eligible children and their parents/caregivers would benefit from a prompt assessment by a Public Health Nurse through the Home Visitation Program and it is the intent of this Standing Order to streamline the referral process. This Standing Order is intended to authorize information-sharing between the Department, FIRST 5, and the PHD to efficiently deliver services to the eligible families.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Department is authorized to submit a referral to the PHN Program for each child who is under the age of 6, a resident of Santa Clara County, and is in out-of-home placement, residing with a parent/legal guardian in a program of court-ordered family maintenance, or participating in voluntary services, supervised by the Department of Family and Children's Services. The referral will be made immediately following the Initial Hearing held pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 319, or upon signature by the parent/legal guardian on an agreement to participate in voluntary services. Children in out-of-home placement include those in: relative or non-relative extended family member (NREFM) care; foster family homes; resource-family approved homes; emergency relative or non-relative temporary placements; and those in a temporarily approved placement based on compelling reason.
2. The Department is authorized to release to the PHD the eligible child's name, the name, address and phone number of the child's current caregiver, and general information about the health of the child that may be relevant to optimizing the initial home visit.
3. For those children in out of home placement, whom the Public Health Nurse determines to be in need of services outside the scope of services provided by the PHN Program, the Department and/or the PHD, in collaboration with the Department Social Worker, is authorized to make the appropriate referral and provide the following information to the provider to whom the referral is being made: the child's name, the name, address and phone number of the child's current caregiver, health history of the child, the family's preferred language, and the results of the relevant public health nurse assessment(s) of the child. Referrals will include the minimal protected health information required to be submitted for the referral to be accepted. Additional information may be submitted to the provider after the referral has been accepted, including during subsequent discussions between Public Health Nurses and service providers, related to care coordination.
4. For those children in court-ordered family maintenance or receiving voluntary services, and for whom the Public Health Nurse determines to be in need of services outside the scope of services provided by the PHN Program, the Department and/or the PHD, in collaboration with the Department Social Worker and upon consent from the custodial parent/legal guardian, is authorized to make the appropriate referral and provide the following information to the provider to whom the referral is being made: the child's name, the name, address and phone number of the child's current caregiver, health history of the child, the family's preferred language, and the results of the relevant public health assessment(s) of the child. Referrals will include the minimal protected health information required to be submitted for the referral to be accepted. Additional

information may be submitted to the provider after the referral has been accepted, including during subsequent discussions between Public Health Nurses and service providers, related to care coordination.

5. FIRST 5 is authorized to receive the following information about the children and families served by the PHN Program: all data fields in the "FIRST 5 Santa Clara County Public Health Nursing Initial Family Intake" form (attached to this Standing Order), as well as the name of the Public Health Nurse working with the family, dates of public health nurse home visits, referrals provided by Public Health Nurses, services provided and duration of service, and summary scores from the ASQ and ASQ:SE.
6. As a condition of receiving this information, FIRST 5 has agreed to maintain the information in a confidential database with restricted access.

9/25/18
DATE .

Shawna Schwarz
Honorable Shawna Schwarz
Supervising Judge of the Superior Court
Juvenile Dependency Division