AUTHORIZE THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH VERA CREATIVE, INC. FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD MARKETING SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the first renewal agreement with Vera Creative, Inc. to provide Early Childhood Marketing services to the Office of Early Childhood Education at an estimated annual cost of \$250,000 for the one (1) year renewal term. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).



