

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 11, FILE # 071089

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File # 071089 is a resolution relative to application, funding and expenditure of the Milwaukee Intensive Nurse Home Visiting Program proposed to be funded by Columbia St. Mary's Hospitals for a 2nd year.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Intensive Nurse Home Visiting Program is an intensive, home visiting program utilizing public health nurses as providers of health care and health care management to first-time pregnant women and their children residing in Zip codes 53204 and 53212.
2. Unlike the Health Department's current Comprehensive Home Visitation Program, this model, sometimes referred to as the "Olds Model" for Nurse Family Partnership, uses only nurses as case managers. The outcomes of this program in cities and states that have used this research-based delivery of service are improved health, wellbeing and self-sufficiency of at-risk low-income parents and their children.
3. An additional component of the Columbia St. Mary's sponsored initiative is the creation of the Milwaukee Health Department Center for Health Equity. The purpose of the Center is to address health disparities in Milwaukee by working "upstream" of most medical and traditional public health interventions. The Center's objectives include: the development of a "dashboard" of health indicators in Milwaukee that more fully describe the existing linkages of poverty, race, and other social and economic factors to health and health outcomes. The Center will provide internal coordination of Health Department programming to focus on disparities; and to increase the awareness and resolve of community leaders and the general public in addressing health disparities. Planning for the Center has taken place during the first year of Columbia St. Mary's funding. The Center is not yet staffed, however.

Discussion

1. This continuing award to the Milwaukee Health Department of \$500,000 annually funds the position of one Public Health Nurse Supervisor and 3 Public Health Nurses to conduct the Milwaukee Intensive Home Visiting Program. In addition, the award will fund the position of Health Inequities Reduction Coordinator and a Health Information Specialist.
2. The term of this initial grant is from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

3. The grantor share of 100% is allocated as follows:

Public Health Nurse Supervisor	\$ 69,000
Public Health Nurse (3)	150,000
Health Inequities Reduction Coordinator	69,000
Health Information Specialist	50,000
Fringe Benefits	134,890
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000
Miscellaneous Services	2,290
Nurse Family Partnership Technical Assistance	8,300
Interpretation Services	24,520
Training for the Visiting Program	20,040
Total	\$500,000

4. The resolution in File # 071089 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$500,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2008 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. This 100% grantor share award will not replace existing programming and will have no impact on the tax levy.

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