

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #010643 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Grant.

Background

This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) grant project from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration through the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. The purpose of the project is to continue the interdisciplinary review of infant deaths occurring in the central city of Milwaukee, to identify opportunities to reduce infant mortality and to support families at risk.

Discussion

1. This is a continuing grant to encompass the period, July 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002.
2. This project participates in the health department's strategic objective to reduce the five-year average infant mortality rate below 9 per 1,000 births. A central goal of the FIMR project is to evaluate the data obtained to devise interdisciplinary strategies for the reduction of infant deaths.
3. The interdisciplinary review panel consists of 25 members who examine the circumstances and causes relative to infant deaths in the City of Milwaukee. Reviewers included medical and human service professionals from state and local organizations. In year 2000, the examination of infant deaths focused upon eight ZIP code areas in Milwaukee's central city. In year 2001, the review has been expanded to include infant deaths throughout the city.
4. Year 2000 information revealed that out of 116 infant deaths (up to one year of age) in the City of Milwaukee, 82 were African American with a rate of 16.1 per 1,000 births, 11 were Hispanic with a rate of 6.2 per 1,000 births and 19 were white with a rate of 5.2 per 1,000 births. Information for 2001 is not available at this time.
5. Education efforts associated with the FIMR project include outreach to physicians and families through the community health centers, nutritional counseling at city WIC sites, and collaboration with the Infant Death Center at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Support to families in the FIMR project includes follow-up and counseling to bereaved families

Fiscal Impact

1. Funding for the FIMR project is \$85,000 from the grantor. There is no in-kind City share for this project
2. This funding includes the salary of the MHD FIMR project coordinator (SG 04).
3. The budget includes educational materials and gift vouchers (\$10,236) for families in the study; contractual services (\$8,000) for the project expansion to the entire city for interview help and technical expertise in medical record abstraction; and services (\$9,700) for training and expenses.

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