

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 14, FILE # 060859

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File # 060859 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.

Background

1. The proposed 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, well being and self sufficiency of at- risk low- income parents and their children.

3. An additional component of the Columbia St. Mary's sponsored initiative will be 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 better describing the existing links to poverty, race, and other social and economic factors that influence health; internal coordination of Health Department programming to focus on disparities; and increasing the awareness and resolve of community leaders and the general public to address health disparities.

Discussion

1. This proposed award to the Milwaukee Health Department of \$500,000 will fund 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. All of these new positions are reflected in the proposed 2007 budget.

2. The term of this initial grant is from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

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	141,960

Training for the Visiting Program

20,040

Total

\$500,000

4. The resolution in File # 060859 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$500,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2006 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 2006.

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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