

Reply to Common Council File No. 081098
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 081098 contains a resolution relating to the acceptance and funding of the Milwaukee Intensive Nurse Home Visiting or Nurse Family Partnership program. This three year grant which began in 2007 is funded by Columbia St. Mary's.

Columbia St. Mary's has contributed approximately \$330,000 in funding each year to the Nurse Family Partnership program to support one Public Health Nurse Supervisor and three Public Health Nurse positions. The Health Department recently learned that 2009 funding from Columbia St. Mary's was decreased to \$87,000.

The Nurse Family Partnership program is a nationally-recognized, evidence-based, intensive nurse home visiting program that improves the health, well being and self-sufficiency of low-income, first time pregnant women and their children. Since implementation two years ago, the program has already had a positive impact on birth outcomes in high risk areas of Milwaukee.

To address the unanticipated gap in funding for the Nurse Family Partnership in 2009, the Common Council approved carryover funds for the Health Department from 2008 to 2009. The Health Department is pursuing additional funding options to support this program in 2010 and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION 081098 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND FUND THE MILWAUKEE INTENSIVE NURSE VISTING (NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP) PROGRAM FROM COLUMBIA ST. MARY'S.



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