

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 37, FILE # 060264

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File # 060264 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Congenital Disorders Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Congenital Disorders program from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a grant continuation. MHD has received funding for this program for approximately 17 years.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this program is to screen newborn infants for over 26 rare disorders including hypothyroidism and sickle cell diseases. Approximately 150 screens are performed in a 12-month grant period with approximately 16% of the screens resulting in positive findings.
2. 90% of the identified cases of sickle cell disease in Wisconsin live in the Milwaukee area.
3. In addition to screening, project outreach assists families in accessing medical care for follow-up testing and appropriate continuing care from medical providers. MHD staff participation in this grant includes advocacy and education regarding congenital disorders.
4. This program also provides education to clients and medical professionals regarding newborn screenings. Children with positive screens are referred to the appropriate medical provider.
5. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$121,627, entirely from the grantor and a similar award to the previous year's funding.
2. This grant will fund the following existing MHD positions with salary and fringe benefits:
 - 1 Public Health Nurse Supervisor, SG 07

- 1 Clinic Assistant (0.5 FTE), SG 309

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