

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8, FILE # 060047

MAY 18, 2006

MARK A. RAMION

File # 060047 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the FIMR Grant project from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration through the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin.
2. A key objective of MHD is to reduce the five-year average infant mortality rate to 9 deaths per 1,000 live births.
3. The following table presents historical information for the City of Milwaukee relative to infant mortality:

Year	# Infant Deaths (City)	Rate/1,000 Live Births			
		City	African American	White	Hispanic
1997	110	10.3	13.8	7.9	7
1998	132	12.1	18.8	6.8	6.2
1999	117	10.5	14.6	4.8	11.8
2000	127	11.5	16	5.2	6.2
2001	128	11.5	17.6	4.9	7.8
2002	134	12.5	18.7	6.4	8.6
2003	125	11.3	17.0	5.7	7.4
2004	131	12	19.4	5.7	4.9

Causes of death classified under the FIMR review include:

- Prematurity
 - Congenital
 - SIDS/SUDI (Sudden Unexplained Death in Infancy)
 - Infection
 - Mechanical or Positional Asphyxiation
 - Homicide
4. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to continue the interdisciplinary review of infant deaths occurring in the City of Milwaukee and to identify opportunities to reduce infant mortality and support families at risk.
2. FIMR project goals and objectives include:
 - *Data analysis* of abstracted medical record data and state and local data
 - *Case review analysis* of 2005-2009 fetal and infant deaths for recommendations that may prevent future infant deaths
 - *Education and outreach efforts* that will utilize MHD staff for support services relative to bereaved parents, health providers and organizations interested in FIMR project and goals.
3. This grant encompasses the period of June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. MHD anticipates that this grant will be renewed annually for the next 3 years.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total of this grant is \$100,000, entirely from the grantor. This funding is a similar amount as last year.
2. This grant will fund the following existing MHD position with salary and fringe benefits (**\$57,031**):
 - 1 Health Project Assistant, SG 530
3. The grant budget includes **\$31,719** for contracted professional services including consultants and interviewers, data base analysis and program marketing/public information, **\$6,250** for program supplies including educational materials and incentive vouchers to families for cooperation in this project. Another **\$5,000** will be applied to service needs of the program, including costs related travel and training and printing.

Prepared by: Mark A. Ramion, X8680
LRB-Research and Analysis Section
May 16, 2006

Cc: Marianne C. Walsh
W. Martin Morics
Bevan Baker
Kathleen Blair
Yvette Rowe
Karen Michalski