

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #010101 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Congenital Disorders Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

### **Background and Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the Congenital Disorders Program from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The purpose of this grant is to screen newborns for metabolic and endocrine disorders. This is a continuation grant.
2. The city-wide strategic goal and department objective is to help improve the health of children, reduce infant mortality and insure that all children entering school are physically, mentally and emotionally capable of satisfactory educational achievement. All newborns are screened in hospitals for genetic disorders. These disorders could be MCAD (fatty acids), thyroid, adrenal glands, pancreas, lung, vitamin deficiency or sickle cell.
3. If a disorder is identified, staff follows up to ensure that medical care is obtained. While most infants are often covered by insurance, accessing and obtaining proper medical care is often difficult. Staff assists families in accessing medical care for the infants and follow-up, and information is given to the family regarding the disorder and medical care. Disorders that are identified can be addressed early, thus reducing long-term sequelae or death.
4. If families do not have appropriate insurance, they are referred to Wisconsin Insurance, BadgerCare. Medical care is generally provided by genetic counselors, pediatricians or specialty clinics.
5. All Milwaukee newborns identified with disorders who have not received the required follow-up are maintained in a database by the Health Department. For the past 13 years, approximately 100 newborns per year require follow-up by department staff.

### **Fiscal Impact**

1. The total grant for the Congenital Disorders Grant is \$124,156, funded entirely by the grantor. There is no City in-kind share.
2. Two positions are funded through this grant:
  - Public Health Nurse Supervisor (SG007)
  - Office Assistant II (SG410)

The grant period is from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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