

**LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 3, FILE 010107**

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File #010107 is a resolution relating to the application, acceptance and funding of the Hepatitis B Immunization Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

**Background and Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Health Department to apply for, accept and fund a Hepatitis B Immunization Grant project from the State of Wisconsin Division of Health and Family Services as a pass through from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources. This is a continuation grant.
2. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the initiation and completion of the Hepatitis B vaccine series for at-risk groups. The grant supports the department's strategic objective to control communicable disease and protect the health of women and children.
3. Since 1994, some hospitals have developed policies and procedures to implement initiation of Hepatitis B immunizations for all newborns primarily as a result of the department working closely with hospital staff. There is still a disparity between hospitals regarding policy development and implementation.
4. The department promotes services for the completion of the Hepatitis B vaccine series by:
  - Offering the vaccine to all infants and children; scheduling and locating immunization clinics close and convenient to the families;
  - Providing outreach and education to families regarding the prevention of Hepatitis B infection;
  - Making a concerted effort to track and recall infants for their second and third doses;
  - In coordination with the TB Control Clinic, is part of the health screening to all refugees;
  - Offering Hepatitis B vaccination to the at-risk youth under 19 who may be sexually active, risk occupational exposure to blood or may be using drugs;
  - Providing professional assistance and education to hospitals to improve reporting of maternal Hepatitis B surface antigen status for newborn screenings.
5. Guidelines have been developed to ensure consistent and appropriate services for at-risk clients to facilitate the completion of the three doses.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total funding for the Hepatitis B Immunization Grant from the grantor is \$31,248. There is no City in-kind share.
2. The grant funds one position, a Health Interpreter Aide, SG 200.
3. The grant period is from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

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