

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #001661 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Medical Assistance Outreach Grant by the Health Department.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the Medical Assistance Outreach Grant from the State of Wisconsin Division of Health and Family Services. The purpose of this grant is to identify individuals in Milwaukee lacking health insurance and assist them in enrolling in programs for which they are eligible. This is a continuation grant.
2. During the grant period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000, the grant was included in the 2000 Consolidated Contract. This grant reflects an administrative change by the State
3. The program collaborates with community based organizations to coordinate outreach efforts for education on available health benefits and enrollment by directing individuals and families to Medicaid and BadgerCare. Some of the organizations are Community Advocates, Hunger Task Force, Latino Health Organization and MPS. During 2000, the department conducted 21 educational trainings to new department nurses, day care providers, MPS school social workers, and nursing students of Marquette and UWM and 36 outreach activities to churches, community based organizations and schools.
4. The program identifies low income families raising young children lacking important service such as food stamps, WIC, energy assistance, childcare assistance or other services. The department evaluates eligibility, refers, or problem-solve participants involvement in the program. Program members staff the BadgerCare Coordinating Committee.
5. The grant coordinator interfaces with other department personnel and programs like Immunization Action Plan, WIC and Family Health clinics. During 2000, the department identified and worked with 72,291 clients, enrolled 26,651 children under the age of 6 for Healthy Start and 18,526 for BadgerCare.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total funding for the Medical Assistance Outreach Grant is \$138,933 from the grantor. There is no City in-kind share.
2. The grant funds the following 3 positions:
 - Medical Assistance Outreach Supervisor, SG 005
 - Health Access Assistant II, SG 425
 - Public Health Interpreter Aide, SG 300
3. The grant period is from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

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