

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JULY 17, 2008 ITEM 21, FILE # 080282

File # 080282 is a resolution amending File # 070615 relating to application, funding and expenditure of the Childhood Immunization Disparities Grant from the Centers for Disease Control.

Background

1. This is a continuing grant program.
2. The Milwaukee Health Department provides the following assessment in the Grant Analysis Form that accompanies the proposed resolution:

Immunizations are among the most effective and cost-effective prevention interventions available... to accomplish the Healthy People 2010 objective of having 90% of children completed their 4:3:1:3:3 immunization series. Immunization coverage rates for City of Milwaukee children are estimated to be as much as 29 percentage points lower than that of Milwaukee County (41% City versus 78% County for children 19-35 months of age for their 4:3:1:3:3 series - 4 doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DtaP) vaccine, 3 doses of inactivated poliovirus vaccine, 1 dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, 3 doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (HIB) vaccine, and 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine). Furthermore, a substantial immunization gap exists between races/ethnicities within the City. Based on Data from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, the 4:3:1:3:3 immunization completion rate for African American children ages 19 to 35 months is 36% as compared to 52% for White children and 57% for Hispanic children. The specific aim of this project is to implement a set of community intervention activities to reduce immunization disparities and increase immunization rates; and to develop sustainable and transferable interventions for reducing racial disparities in immunizations.

Discussion

1. This resolution provides a "no cost" extension of the grant period to September 29, 2009. Currently, the period is set to expire on September 29, 2008.
2. Activities contemplated under the Immunization Disparities Grant have been ongoing and the positions budgeted in the current grant have been funded from other sources. Therefore, it will not be possible to expend the funds authorized by File # 070615 within the current grant period.
3. The proposed budget for the extended grant period is substantially the same as the budget for the current period.

Fiscal Impact

1. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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