LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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File # 081098 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the 2009 Milwaukee Intensive Nurse Visiting Program from Columbia St. Mary's for a 3rd year.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Intensive Nurse Home Visiting Program is an intensive, home visiting program utilizing public health nurses as providers of health care and health care management to first-time pregnant women and their children residing in zip codes 53204 and 53212.

2. Unlike the Health Department's Comprehensive Home Visitation Program, this model program, sometimes referred to as the "Olds Model" for Nurse Family Partnership, uses only nurses as case managers. The outcomes of this program in cities and states that have used this research-based delivery of service are improved health and self-sufficiency of at-risk low-income parents and their children. Initial review of outcomes over the 2-year period in which the program has been in effect appears very promising.

3. The Intensive Nurse Visiting Program was first funded in 2007 as reflected in Resolution File # 060859. The program was funded with approximately $350,000 of an overall $500,000 grant in lieu of taxes paid by Columbia St. Mary's. An additional $500,000 was received for 2008 as reflected in Resolution File # 071089. In each of these 2 years, approximately $150,000 was budgeted for creation of a new Center for Health Equity. Though initial planning for the Center has been conducted with the assistance of a consultant, the Center has not been established and the Center's 2 unfilled positions are eliminated in Resolution File # 081098. Planned Health Equity programming may be provided through the Wisconsin Public Health Association.

4. Negotiations with Columbia St. Mary's through the closing months of 2008 and into 2009 have concluded with a substantial reduction in the amount of the award which will now total $86,997.

5. The Department of Health advises that the Intensive Nurse Visiting Program will be sustained at current levels through 2009 with carryover funds from 2008. It is not clear that the program can be supported in 2010.

6. Funding of approximately $136,000 was received in 2008 from the University of Wisconsin's School of Medicine and Public Health to extend the program to zip code areas 53210 and 53218. A new award has been proposed for these zip codes in an amount of $113,624 for a 13-month period.

Discussion

1. This continuing award to the Milwaukee Health Department has been reduced to $86,997 for 2009. This funding will support the position of one Public Health Nurse Supervisor.

2. The term of this grant is from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

3. The grantor share of 100% is allocated as follows:

Public Health Nurse Supervisor		$ 61,700
Fringe Benefits		25,297
	Total	**$ 86,997**

The unfilled positions of Health Inequities Reduction Coordinator and Health Information Specialist are eliminated.

4. The resolution in File # 081098 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit $86,997 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2009 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.

5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2009.

Fiscal Impact

1. This 100% grantor share award of $86,997 will have no impact on the tax levy.

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