

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** SEPTEMBER 18, 2000

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2001 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) ALLOCATION (#200061) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,570

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Accept the FY 2001 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Allocation (#20061) from the MCH Branch of the California Department of Health Services (DHS) in the amount of \$635,570 for administration of MCH programs in the City of Pasadena during the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
2. Approve a journal voucher increasing FY 2001 revenues and appropriations in the Maternal and Child Health Division Budget Account # 564100 by \$21,612 from \$2,128,681 to \$2,150,293.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Branch, has approved a maximum MCH Allocation of \$635,570 to the City of Pasadena for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. The FY 2001 funding will reimburse program expenditures for administration of local MCH Programs with the following amounts:

- MCH Allocation \$272,075
- Black Infant Health (BIH) Allocation \$363,495

These amounts were awarded based on the FY 2001 MCH Allocation Plan and Budget submitted by the Pasadena Public Health Department, and are contingent on progress towards the program goals and objectives outlined below.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program Allocation goals include: (1) healthy children born healthy to healthy mothers; (2) no health status disparities among racial/ethnic, gender, economic and regional groups; (3) a safe and healthy environment for women, children and their families; (4) equal access for all women, children and their families to appropriate and needed care within an integrated and seamless system.

In FY 2000, approximately 946 pregnant clients were provided with professional assessments, care coordination and assistance with access to health services. Over 942 women received assistance with Medi-Cal application forms, and all qualified for Medi-Cal services. Of these women, 175 had Medi-Cal managed care but needed case management to access the services available.

The MCH program includes an MCH Outreach component, which serves women over the age of 18 only, and the Perinatal Outreach and Education (POE) component, which focuses on adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18. Through the MCH Outreach program, Public Health Department coordinates the MCAH Advisory Council and works with over 14 community coalitions to improve access to early and continuous perinatal care. The POE program coordinates outreach efforts with over 15 agencies to guarantee pregnant and parenting adolescents access to early pre- and post-perinatal care and education. A referral system is in place with each organization to include drug and alcohol treatment.

Black Infant Health (BIH) Program Allocation objectives are to reduce African-American infant mortality and its underlying causes by assuring that at-risk pregnant and parenting African-American women and their infants have access to quality maternal and child health services, and related education and awareness programs. The BIH program focuses on increased community awareness regarding African-American infant mortality and associated problems, and implementation of social support and empowerment interventions through case management, health behavior modification, and prevention programs. Women served by the program typically have certain risk indicators such as homelessness, substance abuse, and incidence of domestic violence.

In FY 2000, the BIH program had a total of 73 women enrolled. Women typically remain in the program until the time their child is 2 years old. Upon graduation from the program, all children born in the program have up to date immunizations and participate in regular well-baby check ups.

Based on the demonstrated effectiveness of the BIH program and the overwhelming unmet needs of at risk African Americans and their families, the State Department of Health Services augmented base funding to the BIH program by \$150,995 from \$212,500 to \$363,495. The augmentation will be used to double client enrollment and increase coordination with available health services in the community. The augmentation will also be used to hire 2.75 contract staff.

Detailed implementation activities and timelines are approved as part of the scope of work funded by the total MCH Allocation.

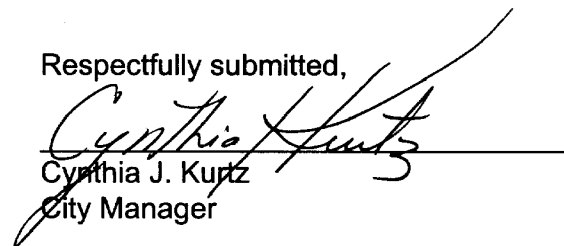
The total award of \$635,570 includes \$216,502 for MCH and Perinatal Outreach and Education allocation, which is \$141,383 less than what was estimated and appropriated in the Public Health Department's FY 2001 Adopted Budget. Over the past two years, funding for the POE program has steadily declined due to a decrease in available Proposition 99 tobacco tax funds. A rollover from the POE allocation from the previous fiscal year in the amount of \$12,000 reduces this difference to \$129,383. However, the BIH allocation is \$150,995 greater than the \$212,500 estimated for the budget. In total, the MCH Allocation exceeds the estimated revenues from this funding source in the adopted FY 2001 budget by \$21,612.

This contract is exempt from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Section 4.09.060 (a), which exempts contracts with other governmental entities for labor, material, supplies and services.

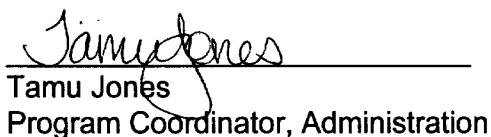
FISCAL IMPACT:

This action by City Council will increase FY 2001 estimated revenues and appropriations in the Maternal and Child Health budget account #564010 by \$21,612 from \$2,128,681 to \$2,150,293.

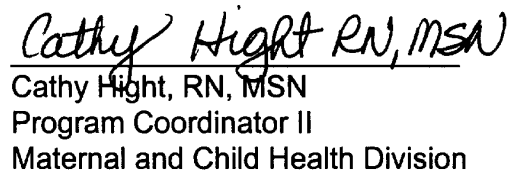
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