

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

JULY 13, 1998

FROM:

CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, ACTING CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF FY 1999 COLLABORATIVE IMMUNIZATION

PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE IMMUNIZATION BRANCH OF

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an FY 1999 Collaborative Immunization Program Agreement with the State Department of Health Services in the amount of \$75,000;
- 2) Approve a journal voucher increasing estimated revenues in revenue account #6278 by \$75,000 and increasing revenues and appropriations in the Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account # 563100 by \$75,000 from \$1,169,443 to \$1,244,443.

BACKGROUND:

The Immunization Branch of the California Department of Health Services has awarded \$75,000 to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department for the period July 1, 1998 —June 30, 1999 (Contract #98-15118). These funds were made available as part of the Governor's Childhood Immunization Initiative and are awarded under the California Immunization Program to fund collaborative efforts to improve immunization rates of infants and toddlers. The grant will enhance activities of the Pasadena Immunization Initiative being coordinated by the Pasadena Public Health Department.

In 1996 a Pasadena/Altadena community collaborative determined that the most effective and sustainable solution to under-immunization of children would be to develop a local, community-based infrastructure within the provider community which would support the automation and sharing of immunization information. This collaborative, led by the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) in partnership with the UCLA Child Health and Immunization Network (CHAIN) and the local non-profit Community Vision, Unlimited, hosted a kick-off dinner in July 1997 to engage provider participation in establishing the community-wide immunization registry.

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Using software developed by UCLA CHAIN and extensive ongoing technical support from the CHAIN professional staff, the registry infrastructure is being developed and initial provider assessments have been conducted to identify those providers of childhood immunizations who will be able to participate in the Immunization Initiative. Based on input from the Public Health Department, the City Council incorporated the Pasadena Immunization Initiative into its 1998 priorities as part of its broad goal to *Create Neighborhood Vitality and Livability*.

Six organizations have been earmarked to join in the expanded Immunization Initiative activities in order to accomplish the objectives of this collaborative immunization project with State funding. Additional funds have been awarded by Community Vision, Unlimited to support the endeavor.

The target population in Pasadena/Altadena is: (1) private immunization providers; and (2) children from birth to age 2 in the high and highest risk populations for under-immunization. The project seeks to:

- 1. Complete the development of an immunization registry infrastructure that will facilitate the participation of public and private providers in Pasadena/Altadena by 12/31/98.
- 2. Recruit providers and implement an automated tracking system in 20 public and private sites in Pasadena/Altadena by 6/30/00.
- 3. Develop and implement an immunization outreach program for high and highest risk children in PPHD programs, at Pasadena Unified School District Healthy Start sites, at Young and Healthy sites, and at the CHAP clinic by 6/30/99.

Statistics on the percentage of children immunized community-wide are not readily available. The Public Health Department computerized data collection system only captures the population of children served by the Health Department at the Pasadena Community Health Center. Other providers, such as the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), medical doctors in private practice and Health Maintenance Organizations are not currently included, rendering the available database incomplete. The Pasadena Immunization Initiative seeks to capture immunization data and birth data, store it in a central registry, allow providers to access the database to verify the immunization status of their patients, and permit generation of canned and custom reports for monitoring individual provider immunization schedules and immunization rates overall. This tool creates the potential for no missed immunization opportunities when children seen their pediatric care provider and for every parent to be notified when their child is due for an immunization.

Estimated FY 1998 revenues in account #6278, State Immunization Grant, will increase by \$75,000 from \$87,030 to \$162,030. The increase will fund a half-time Program Coordinator to provide leadership and coordination, including project management, planning, implementation, private provider participation recruitment and facilitation of collaborative relationships. These

additional funds will also cover operating expenses and a subcontract with UCLA CHAIN for technical support of the Immunization Registry.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action by the City Council will increase FY 1999 estimated revenues and appropriations in the Public Health Department's Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account #563100 by \$75,000 from \$1,169,443 to \$1,244,443.

Respectfully submitted,

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