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April 13, 1999

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

LOCATION: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution, amend the 1998-99 FY Budget by \$162,261 to provide for the operation of the Mayor's Commission on our Children's Health.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 20, 1999

SUMMARY:

This report provides information on the Mayor's Commission on our Children's Health and requests the City Council to amend the current year budget to provide for the operation of the Commission.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Not applicable

BACKGROUND:

In late 1998 the Mayor established the Mayor's Commission on our Children's Health. The Commission was in response to concerns expressed jointly by Mayor Serna and local health care professionals about the high number of children without access to quality health care due

to the lack of insurance and/or the lack of knowledge on how to best use our health care systems.

The County of Sacramento works collaboratively with the Mayor's Commission on Children's Health. The Commission includes the Mayor, the CEO's of the five major health systems - Sutter Health, Mercy Healthcare Sacramento, UC Davis Health System, Kaiser Permanente, and Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California; the Sacramento City Unified School Districts School Board President; and a representative from the California Medical Association.

Purpose/Objectives: The Commission's purpose is to improve the health and well-being of children in Sacramento by increasing access to and knowledge about, low or no cost health care. The objectives are: Improve the enrollment in Healthy Families/Medi-Cal Program and other programs in which the applicants qualify, develop a health curriculum collaboratively with Sacramento City Unified School district to be utilized by both middle and high schools, develop a referral process between government and private children's health insurance programs; and increase awareness of no and low cost health insurance alternatives.

Needs:

- Currently 218,686 children are enrolled in Medi-Cal. 168,914 children are eligible for Medi-Cal but have not applied.
- The County estimates that 60,000 children are eligible for Healthy Families.
- To date, only 1,358 Sacramento children are enrolled in the State's Healthy Families Program.

Studies have shown that people do not access health care due to: lack of insurance, cost, language and cultural barriers, lack of transportation, and the inability to provide childcare. Poor health along with inadequate information on how to access health care have implications for children's success in school.

In September 1997, the Governor signed the Healthy Families insurance program for the benefit of children from low-income families that otherwise may not have access to health insurance. Enrollment in the program began July 1998. The program provides children access to the following services through private health providers: hospital care, prescription drugs, doctor and specialist visits, emergency care, immunization, vision care, and dental exams/cleans. Families pay a minimal monthly premium for the insurance. To date, less than 2,000 Sacramento children have enrolled in the program. The Mayor's Commission is promoting an innovative, largely school-based outreach and enrollment effort to help families enroll in no/low cost health insurance.. The goal of the effort will be to increase awareness about various low/no cost health insurance programs, and link parents who seek assistance in completing the Healthy Families/Medi-Cal application with an network of Commission and community-based application assisters. The program outreach and application assistance will also include information, referral and access to both government and privately funded insurance programs. The referral

programs include, but are not limited to: Medi-Cal , Healthy Families, Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM), Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) and Kaiser Permanente's Cares for Kids.

The effort intends to enroll 2,500 families over a two year time period, helping to insure up to 7,500 children. The strategy includes all five health systems each adopting two schools where volunteer health professionals will provide extensive outreach for Healthy Families and health promotion. Further, the school district will be working with the health systems on some district wide outreach and education. Other outreach efforts will be targeted to Minority Business Chambers of Commerce, Labor Unions, and various Neighborhood Associations and Collaboratives.

The Commission is also part of a new county-wide effort to improve enrollment of low income families in the Medi-Cal program. In January 1999, the County received \$900,000 to expand its Medi-Cal outreach effort by working with community agencies. Part of these funds are earmarked for the Mayor's Commission.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

All costs associated with this project are funded by outside sources. The participating hospitals and the Sierra Health Foundation have contributed a total of \$37,000, and \$108,171 has been obtained from the State of California via the County Department of Human Assistance for medical outreach. An additional \$17,090 was received from the State as part of their Healthy Families Outreach Project. The City is contributing existing office space to the project and the hospitals are also contributing various in-kind printing services and equipment. No other City funding is required. This funding provides for the first year of the project. The project will continue to seek grant funds to sustain its effort into subsequent years.

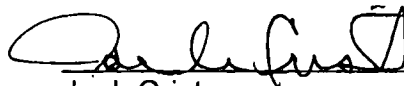
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION: Not Applicable

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is consistent with City objectives of positive youth development, economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS: Not Applicable

Respectfully Submitted,



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Deputy City Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-180

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VARIOUS MATTERS RELATED TO THE MAYORS COMMISSION ON OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept grants from the County of Sacramento and the State of California on behalf of the Mayor's Commission on our Children's Health.
2. The FY 1998-1999 Fiscal Year Budget is hereby amended to reflect the operation of of the program as follows:

Expenditures

101-450-4724-4101	\$111,281.
101-450-4724-4715	<111,281.>
250-OGR-G154-4101	111,281.
250-OGR-G154-4202	2,000.
250-OGR-G154-4204	2,000.
250-OGR-G154-4205	2,000.
250-OGR-G154-4213	8,000.
250-OGR-G154-4258	20,000.
250-OGR-G154-4261	2,200.
250-OGR-G154-4399	11,080.
250-OGR-G154-4411	2,000.
250-OGR-G154-4462	1,700.

Revenues

250-OGR-G154-3598	\$108,171.
250-OGR-G154-3705	37,000.
250-OGR-G154-3511	17,090.

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3. The following positions (total of 4.28 FTE) are added to Organization 4724 in order to conduct the program:

Program Supervisor	1.00 FTE
Program Coordinator	1.00 FTE
Public Service Aides	.72 FTE
Special Program Leaders	1.56 FTE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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