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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Renewal Agreement Funding Application (AFA) for Agreement #201929 with the California Department of Public Health for Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program funding in the maximum payable amount of \$213,175 for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Program services are funded by a combination of Title V funds, department Realignment and Title XIX reimbursement. Title V are federal funds that states can use to help alleviate social, financial, behavioral, and structural barriers to health care for women, children, and families. To carry out the County's MCAH Program during FY 2019/20, the department will be reimbursed for expenditures up to the maximum of \$213,175. This annual award helps to support department personnel costs associated with positions such as the Maternal Child Health Director and Coordinator, Public Health Nurses, administrative/office staff as well as other related program operation expenses. Services are within the department's 2019/20 budget; no budget amendment is needed and no county general fund dollars are required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the State MCAH Branch is to develop systems that protect and improve the health of California's women of reproductive age, infants, children, adolescents and their families. The goals of the program are to: 1) improve outreach and access to quality health and human services; 2) improve maternal and women's health; 3) improve infant health; 4) improve nutrition and physical activity; 5) improve child health; and 6) improve adolescent health. The annual funding stream Public Health receives under MCAH allows the department to maintain the infrastructure to offer services benefiting the health and well-being of Nevada County residents and promoting these goals.

The program continues to provide limited home visits by a public health nurse with case management services to individuals at home, schools, community facilities, and specialized clinics, as well as coordinating follow up health and social services.

During this year, outreach activities are ongoing as well as collaborative partnerships with public and private agencies to address County needs as identified in the scope of work. Based on a community needs assessment, local objectives for the MCAH program include:

- Increasing identification and referrals for treatment for perinatal depression
- Improving first trimester prenatal care rates
- Reducing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome / Sudden Unidentified Infant Death during sleep
- Decreasing substance use / abuse for women of childbearing age
- Continuing to link the MCAH population as needed to medical, mental, social, dental and community services to promote equity in access to quality services especially for those who are eligible for Medi-Cal or other publicly provided health care programs.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it provides funding for a comprehensive array of vital services that improve health outcomes and reduces health care costs through its prevention services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA Director of Public Health