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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ellen J. Clement
Health Officer

DATE: September 19, 2001

RE: Infant Mortality and Prevention Application for the period of January 1,
2002 through December 31, 2002

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Request that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the March of Dimes Community Grants, Infant Mortality and Prevention application in the amount of \$22,300 for the time period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

BACKGROUND:

The Washtenaw County Child Death Review Team (CDRT) is proposing an expansion of its current services in order to improve access to, and the quality of health care for pregnant women and infants in Washtenaw County by establishing a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR). The Team is comprised of professionals from the local health department, the Medical Examiner's Office, the Family Independence Agency, local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, and local health care providers. The CDRT has met regularly during the past four years to examine the deaths of all county residents between the ages of 0 and 18 years. The Team's primary goal is to discuss the preventable causes and factors leading to death, and then identify needed changes in practice and or policy to avert child deaths. However, the case summaries used by the CDRT are limited to information contributed by agencies. Medical care data from private physicians and hospitals are rarely available. Comprehensive analysis of the contributing causes of fetal and infant deaths in particular is a goal that cannot be achieved within the current process of the Child Death Review Team.

DISCUSSION:

The overall goal of a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) in Washtenaw County is to improve pregnancy outcomes by improving services and systems of care for women, infants, and families. Approximately 60% of the infant mortality in Michigan is attributed to prematurity and low birth weight. Therefore, access to health care, especially prenatal care, is a clear focus for FIMR teams. Specifically, FIMR teams in a particular community act to identify any gaps in care, and organize action to remove the barriers to care. Detailed FIMR case studies will allow Washtenaw County to identify trends and patterns that may require improvements in health care services in order to enhance access and utilization of quality prenatal care. This project will improve acceptance, availability, and access for supportive pregnancy services by examining those factors when completing case reviews and making needed recommendations for action. Similarly, this project will enhance a wide range of prevention services by analyzing the factors contributing to fetal and infant mortality. Such prevention services may include smoking cessation programming, alcohol avoidance during pregnancy, use of indicated genetic testing, and treatment for substance abuse.

All women and families of women of child-bearing/child-rearing age residing in Washtenaw County are potential beneficiaries of the FIMR project. While the primary focus will be on prevention, FIMR has the potential to provide direct services to families following an infant loss by connecting families to resources for counseling, education, and bereavement support. This project will directly affect the approximately 30 families each year who experience infant losses. It will indirectly affect the nearly 4000 women and families who give birth annually by enhanced awareness of and identification of risk factors predisposing to fetal and infant mortality. The proposed FIMR service will also stimulate improvements on a continuing basis within the health and social service systems, which will be of benefit to all pregnant families.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

The impact on Human Resources is the creation of a grant status 0.45fte Public Health Nurse position.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

Funding in the amount of \$22,300 for this project. No matching required, no general funds requested.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

No impact on indirect costs. Indirect costs are not an allowable expense under this grant.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

No impact on other county departments or outside agencies.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request is in conformance with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICIES:

March of Dimes Infant Mortality and Prevention application.

Preparer: Ellen J. Clement, Health Officer

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION TO THE MARCH OF DIMES COMMUNITY GRANTS, FOR THE INFANT MORTALITY AND PREVENTION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,300 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS; AND CREATING A .45 GRANT STATUS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE POSITION

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 3, 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is requested to ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the March of Dimes Community Grants, Infant Mortality and Prevention application in the amount of \$22,300 for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Child Death Review Team (CDRT) is proposing an expansion of its current services in order to improve access to, and the quality of health care for pregnant women and infants in Washtenaw County by establishing a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR); and

WHEREAS, the overall goal of a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) in Washtenaw County is to improve pregnancy outcomes by improving services and systems of care for women, infants, and families; and

WHEREAS, all women and families of women of child-bearing/child-rearing age residing in Washtenaw County are potential beneficiaries of the FIMR project; and

WHEREAS, this project will directly affect the approximately 30 families each year who experience infant losses: and

WHEREAS, it will indirectly affect the nearly 4000 women and families who give birth annually by enhanced awareness of and identification of risk factors predisposing to fetal and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the signature of the Administrator on the application to the March of Dimes Community Grants, Infant Mortality and Prevention application in the amount of \$22,300 for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk
4. Authorizing the following personnel changes as attached hereto and made a part hereof

Public Health Department
Fetal and Infant Mortality Review

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Create</u>	<u>BU</u>
2325-0036	G Public Health Nurse	23	18	.45fte	29607100

Public Health
Fetal and Infant Mortality Review
29607100
January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>
Revenue:	
Local Revenue	\$22,300
Total Revenue	\$22,300
Expenditures:	
Personal Services	\$20,505
Supplies	500
Other Services & Charges	1,295
Total Expenditures	\$22,300