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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ellen Rabinowitz
Washtenaw Health Plan Director

DATE: February 2, 2005

SUBJECT: Cash donations for the specific purpose of supporting indigent health care programs for low-income adolescents and their children.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Washtenaw Health Plan requests the Board of Commissioners acceptance of individual donations to the county in the amount of \$62,775.

BACKGROUND

Numerous private donors and the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation wish to donate funds to the County for the purpose of supporting indigent health programs for County residents, particularly low-income adolescents and their children.

DISCUSSION:

According to the County's audit firm, the County may accept the donations. The County Administrator's intent is to transfer the funds to the State of Michigan for DSH match. Upon transfer and DSH match, the state will then transfer the original donation proceeds plus state and federal match to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, which will transfer the entire amount to the Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP), as per an Indigent Care Agreement between St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the WHP. The DSH match will significantly increase the value of the original donations. The WHP will use the funding provided by the donations and the DSH match to support indigent health care programs for County residents, particularly low-income adolescents and their children.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

No impact on Human Resources.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The value of \$62,775 will be received into and transferred out of the Indigent Health Fund 29697250.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This action is in conformance with County policies.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PRIVATE DONATIONS VALUED AT \$62,775.00 FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME ADOLESCENT COUNTY RESIDENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

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WHEREAS, 72 private donors and the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation, wish to donate funds, valued at \$62,775.00, to the County for the purpose of supporting indigent health programs for low-income adolescent County residents and their children; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 03-0163, adopted on September 17, 2003, and Resolution 04-0178 accepted stock donations from an anonymous donor for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County's auditing firm has advised that the County may accept the donations; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator's intent is to transfer the donations to the state for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) match; and

WHEREAS, upon transfer and DSH match, the state will then transfer the original donation proceeds plus state and federal match to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, which will transfer the entire amount to the Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP); and

WHEREAS, the WHP will utilize the funding provided by the donation and DSH match to support indigent health care programs for County residents, targeting low-income adolescents and their children; and

WHEREAS, the transfer and the subsequent match of the donation proceeds will significantly increase the value of the donation to indigent county residents receiving health care through the WHP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of the donors, in supporting indigent health care programs for County residents; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$62,775, from private donors, for the purpose of supporting indigent health care programs for County residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners amends the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Indigent Health Fund
Business Unit 29697250**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
58000 Local Revenue	\$0	\$62,775	\$62,775
Expenditures:			
80000 Other Services & Charges	\$0	\$62,775	\$62,775
Indirect Costs = \$0			