RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-105

MEETING: March 10, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert Ryder, Health Officer

RE: Ratify the Acceptance of Approval for the MCAH Program Agreement Funding Application FY 2014-2015

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The MCAH Program’s mission “is to develop systems that protect and improve the health of California’s women of reproductive age, infants, children, and adolescents, and their families”. MCAH is one of four divisions within the California Department of Public Health’s Center for Family Health Section. Twenty programs are currently administered by the California MCAH Division and are organized into program sections:

1. Maternal and Family Health Programs
2. Perinatal Health Program/Sudden Infant Death Program
3. Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Teen Parenting Programs
4. Children’s Health Programs

The MCAH division maintains partnerships, contracts, and agreements with federal, state, and local agencies in both the public and private sector. All 58 counties and three cities within California have local MCAH Directors who in collaboration with the Health Officer manages the MCAH Program. MCAH Program and funding activities are funded through the State General Fund, the State Tobacco Tax, Federal Title XIX (Medicaid), and Federal Title V MCH Block Grant. California department of Public Health, Center for Family Health administers the MCAH Program.

In September 2014 the Health Department applied for the MCAH Agreement Funding Application (AFA) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

MCAH Program activities within the Mariposa County Health Department include the Smart Start Visiting Nurse Program for parents and babies. Our program is a home based voluntary program serving you and your family during pregnancy and after the birth of your baby. It provides support services to get your child off to a “Smart Start” in life.
A Health Department Nurse will visit your home to help you with:
- Pregnancy
- Reducing the risk of illness and injury
- Promoting nurturing parent-child relationships
- Improve the physical, intellectual and emotional growth of your child
- Health care services and community resources

All Mariposa County residents are eligible. Smart Start is available at no cost to every pregnant woman and every family with children under the age of six. The primary goal is to improve the brain development and health of children.

The MCAH revenue and appropriations were included in the Requested/Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 that the Board adopted. Health Department staff is requesting that the Board formally accept the grant funding by ratifying the Grant Agreement. In future years this grant application will be brought to the Board for approval prior to submission.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Health Department has not brought the MCAH Program to the Board in previous years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not ratify the Grant Agreement. If the programs funded by this grant agreement are to continue, then General Fund money will need to be used.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Revenue and corresponding appropriations are included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:
Approval Letter for AFA 201422 MCAH FY 2014-2015 01-09-2015 (PDF)
MCAH Agreement Funding Application Revision for FY 2014-2015 1-22-2015 (PDF)
MCAH Agreement Funding Application AFA for FY 2014-2015 9-8-2014 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hudson
Mary Hudson, County Administrator
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier