RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes__ No_x__)

Recommend resolution authorizing Chair to sign Standard Agreement for Maternal-Child Health (MCH) Grant for Fiscal Year 1995-1996 in the amount of $53,090. It is the Health Officer's assessment that this program will continue to fill one of our County's major Public Health needs at no financial cost to County. This program will also continue work already begun by the Perinatal Coordinating Council; it will endeavor to assure that all mothers and children have access to quality maternal and child health services; it will help to prevent certain kinds of birth defects and childhood learning problems, and in so doing, may decrease the enormous cost to taxpayers of caring for such children. All women of childbearing age, infants, children and adolescents are eligible.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Resolution 94-395 authorized the contract for Maternal-Child Health Grant for Fiscal Year 1994-95.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Fund the Maternal Child Health Program from County General Funds.
2. Discontinue the Maternal Child Health Program and return funds to the State.