DEPARTMENT: HEALTH  

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Resolution authorizing Health Officer to apply for a grant to do Maternal and Child Health, pregnancy education and outreach program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The First Five Commission of Mariposa County has indicated to the Health Officer its desire to fund a program to enhance pregnancy and childhood development by providing a visiting nurse who will go to peoples' homes. The Public Health Nurse will educate citizens about nutrition during pregnancy, avoidance of drugs and alcohol during pregnancy, following directions of their physician, what to expect during various phases of pregnancy, maximum development of the child after delivery, and management of any medical, social, educational problems.

Physicians who provide prenatal care in Mariposa County at John C. Fremont Clinic have very little time to provide education to their pregnant patients (sometimes there are as many as 25 appointments in a half day clinic). Under this program, the Health Department will be able to provide staff that will augment education both in the clinic as well as at the home.

Programs such as this have been developed and well utilized elsewhere, and the results have been well documented. There is less in the way of child abuse and expensive case management for the county, there is more in the way of healthy outcomes with the children and it's actually been proven that such interventions reduce the likelihood of an unwed mother on assistance programs from becoming a chronic recipient of assistance. It's also been shown to result in children with better intelligence, thereby enhancing society in general.

The Health Department is capable of providing this service utilizing current staff due to some cutback recently experienced from the State. There are 150 pregnancies in Mariposa County every year and it anticipated that approximately half those pregnancies will be in people who are considered "high risk" for complications of pregnancy. This program will help reduce negative outcomes in those situations.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Do not deliver these services to pregnant citizens.
2. Fund Program from County General funds.

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Res. No.: 04-391  
Ord. No. _____  
Vote – Ayes: 5  
Noes: _____  
Absent: _____  
Approved  
( ) Minute Order Attached  
( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:  
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:  
☑ Requested Action Recommended  
☐ No Opinion  
Comments:

CAO: F. H.  

Revised Dec. 2002