

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

19 02-53
**DATE: February 12, 2002
AGENDA ITEM NO.: CA-1**

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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Health Officer

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Recommend resolution directing Health Officer to prepare a grant application to the Mariposa County Children and Families First Commission (Prop 10) for a collaborative project with the Women, Infant and Childrens Project (WIC) to provide increased access to services for Mariposa women and children.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The WIC Program is a federal program which helps women obtain nutrition for themselves when pregnant and for their infants during the early years. It is also a program which encourages breastfeeding. Many studies have shown that this program pays communities big dividends in healthier, more developmentally advanced children and citizens.

At a time when the WIC Program, based in Merced County, had an employee in Mariposa to serve the citizens of Mariposa County, utilization of the WIC services grew to 438 participants. This occurred in the year 1997. Since that time, however, services provided to Mariposa County by the Merced based WIC Program have deteriorated. The Health Department has actively worked with the Merced County based program to attempt to increase access and services to our citizens, but with only limited success. The office is open only two days a week on the southside now as opposed to five days a week, and only one day a month on the northside for four hours. Enrollment of Mariposa individuals in this program is now down to 193.

We have now been informed by the Merced Office of WIC that there may be a further curtailing of clinic hours and, therefore, of available services for Mariposa County citizens to enroll. Utilizing Prop 10 dollars, the Health Department would like to work collaboratively with the Merced WIC Program and facilitate the employment of the Mariposa based WIC Coordinator in order to increase availability of these services to the women of Mariposa, which as scientific studies have shown, should increase the quality of development, both mental and physical, of children in this County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

WIC services will be provided based, as per our experience, upon the unilateral decisions by the Merced-based program only.

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COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
 A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____
 B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
 C. Required additional funding \$ _____
 D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required
 A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
 B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
 C. Source description: _____
 Balance in Reserve for Contingencies,
 if approved: \$ _____

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 Vote - Ayes: 3 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
 Approved () Denied
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
 This item on agenda as:
 _____ Recommended
 _____ Not Recommended
 _____ For Policy Determination
 _____ Submitted with Comment
 _____ Returned for Further Action

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

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: WJA