



Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

C. Brian Haddix, CAO

Kristin Bennett, Interim HHS Director

AGENDA DATE: April 11, 2006

Item No. _____

SUBJECT: Approve the application for funds from First 5 Tulare County for the Outreach for Healthy Pregnancies program.

REQUEST(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the application for funds from First 5 Tulare County for the Outreach for Healthy Pregnancies program.
2. Authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the application for funds from First 5 Tulare County.

SUMMARY: The Outreach for Healthy Pregnancies (OFHP) program will provide outreach and education to women and their partners regarding the importance of early prenatal care and preparation for a healthy birth. Outreach will be conducted through home visits, community events and individual visits to sites such as health fairs, swap meets, laundromats, churches, parenting classes, etc. This program will also include media outreach via newspaper, radio, and posters to educate women and their partners about the importance of early access to care and maintaining a healthy lifestyle both during and prior to pregnancy. Some of these areas will include education regarding the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on the developing fetus and the importance of proper nutrition including sufficient folic acid both during and before pregnancy.

OFHP is an existing program funded by First 5 Tulare County, which began in October 2004. The Outreach for Healthy Pregnancies program staff, consisting of two Community Health Technicians, has done approximately 600 face-to-face home visits with high-risk clients since the conception of the program. The positive program outcomes will include:

- 1) Increased numbers of women receiving first trimester care
- 2) Decreased numbers of infants born to smoking mothers
- 3) Decreased number of infants exposed to drugs and alcohol
- 4) Increased number of children breastfeeding
- 5) Increased consumption of folic acid before and during pregnancy

The award of funds for FY 2006-2007 has become competitive and will be contingent upon the availability of Proposition 10 funds. The Request For Proposal is based on the First 5 Tulare County's strategic plan for the period July 2006 through June 2009. RFP is available on the First 5 Tulare County web site at: www.first5tc.org. The proposal is due April 19, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

FINANCING: No cost to the County.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: The Chairman of the Board of Supervisor's signature is required on three (3) originals of the agreement. (Please return two (2) original copies for distribution).

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Ray Bullick, Assistant HHS Agency Director
Director of Health Services

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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