



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 Medically Vulnerable Infant Program.

REQUEST(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the application for funds from First 5 Tulare County for the Medically Vulnerable Infant 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 Medically Vulnerable Infant Program (MVIP) enhances the frequency and duration of professional nurse home visit services provided to infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) born with medical complications that require hospitalization and long-term home recovery. Services provided to medically vulnerable infants by the MVIP home nurses enhance the infants' recovery, reduce the risk of medical complications requiring the re-hospitalization of infants, and help prevent the development of chronic physical disabilities that may affect the healthy growth and development of these infants. Tulare County currently has six (6) nurses on staff, which handle up to thirty (30) cases each. The cases are managed for two years.

The Medically Vulnerable Infant Program is an existing program funded by First 5 Tulare County, which began in December 2000. The MVIP staff has case managed approximately 1,000 infants since the programs conception. The seven objective of MVIP are:

1. Children are physically healthy and well nourished
2. Children are emotionally healthy
3. Families support learning in their homes
4. Children receive early screening and intervention for special needs
5. Families are stable and able to meet the needs of their children
6. Children's homes are free from violence
7. Parents use effective, appropriate parenting skills

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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