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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR King DATE TYPED 3-10-05 HB 1012

SHORT TITLE Maternal and Child Health Programs SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$3,300.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1012 appropriates \$3.3 million from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of adequately funding maternal and child health programs.

Significant Issues

DOH notes health councils have partnered with DOH in designing and delivering prevention programs and services. The councils use a common model of community building, capacity building, assessing, coordinating, planning, evaluating and, when deemed necessary, providing direct services to communities. DOH uses the County Maternal and Child Health (CMCH) Plan Act as a guideline for basic required council structure and function.

DOH also indicates the appropriation in the bill would be used to ensure local oversight and coordination of all community health services and issues that are founded on issues related specifically to women and children.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3.3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee recommendation for DOH's FY06 operating budget, also adopted by the Senate Finance Committee, contains \$3.3 million for the health councils.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates it is staffed adequately to administer this appropriation.

DUPLICATION

House Bill 1012 duplicates an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act to DOH.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH states the purpose of the CMCH Plan Act is to encourage the development of comprehensive community-based maternal and child services to meet the needs of childbearing women and their families and improve the long-term health of New Mexicans. DOH assists health councils to organize in response to each jurisdiction's unique needs and resources and priorities identified in the comprehensive health plans.

Health councils are a vital community voice regarding health needs and solutions for the well being of New Mexico's women, children and their families by providing support through activities such as:

- Prenatal case management (Low birth weight babies)
- Promotora/Community Health Workers (lay health workers)
- Home visitation (prenatal and post partum – 3 years)
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- Prenatal/Perinatal health education
- Breast feeding education and support
- Transportation for women and children to health related services (non Medicaid eligible)
- Substance abuse/Prevention and education
- Pharmacy and dental services for non Medicaid eligible women and children
- Clinical services for non Medicaid eligible women and children
- Clinical Laboratory services for non Medicaid eligible women and children
- Behavioral and Mental health services

Adequate financial support is required to continue these activities and assist health councils to be efficient and effective. DOH indicates effective health councils address multiple issues and the needs of diverse stakeholders; take responsibility for positive changes in health status; encourage agencies and organizations to align their work to achieve community goals; focus on understanding the needs of the community and building infrastructure to meet those needs; encourage agencies to understand interdependency and work to reduce redundancy and fill gaps; conduct com-

prehensive health planning within a defined jurisdiction; and evaluate community health improvement (CHI) work and makes improvements based on evidence-based evaluation results.

Due to their well-established structure, health councils are active participants and, in many instances, leaders in the formation of local collaboratives for the Behavioral Health Redesign. In addition, health councils provide an avenue for other community collaborations across departments and agencies such as Environmental Epidemiology and Emergency Preparedness.

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