COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Human Services Agency

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Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Amendment to Salary Ordinance: Creation of an Unclassified Human Services

Analyst II Position for the Health Care Outreach Project

Recommendation

Adopt a Salary Ordinance Amendment to create an unclassified Human Services Analyst II position for the Health Care Outreach Project.

Background

The number of children and families in the County without health insurance coverage is a concern. The Board of Supervisors, Human Services Agency and Health Services Agency have made it a priority to increase the awareness of health care options and services available to uninsured children who may be eligible for other programs for low-income families. Past collaborative efforts to provide outreach and education awareness included the Human Services Agency, Health Care for All Coalition and El Concilio of San Mateo County which has completed its responsibilities under a prior contract.

In order to extend health care outreach efforts to all eligible families, San Mateo County applied for and was awarded two grants in the amount of \$338,448 from the Department of Health Services for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, to continue health care outreach activities by enrolling low-income children and families in no or low cost health insurance programs. A partnership of three agencies: County of San Mateo-Human Services Agency, County of San Mateo-Health Services Agency, and the Health Plan of San Mateo County has been formed to support the project.

Discussion

Grants for this fiscal year support the expansion of outreach activities to include funding for an Outreach Coordinator whose role is to a) centralize and coordinate existing Medi-Cal, 1931(b), and Healthy Families outreach efforts; b) act as the central point for Medi-Cal outreach information for the commuity; c) facilitate the design and development of outreach materials; d) plan and coordinate outreach strategies; and e) utilize existing County resources for outreach enrollment. The Human Services Analyst II position is requested for the duration of the grant period, will reside in the Human Services Agency and will be unclassified rather than extra help,

which provides no benefits. Health insurance benefits are critical in order to attract qualified applicants. This also exemplifies the project's goal.

Fiscal Impact

Total salary and benefits for this position is \$76,599 and will be supported 100% with the Department of Health Services grant. The remaining grant funds will be applied to other project expenditures. There will be no Net County Cost. Enrolling individuals into the Medi-Cal or Healthy Families program will decrease County costs for health care services and result in General Fund savings in the Health Services Agency budget.

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ORDINANCE NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 SALARY ORDINANCE NUMBER 03987

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, ordains as follows.

SECTION 1. Part 12 of Ordinance 03987 is amended as indicated

PART 12 POSITION LISTING BY DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATION 72200 HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- 1. Item B061S, Human Services Analyst unclassified series, is increased by 1 position for a new total of 1 position.
- **SECTION 2.** This ordinance is effective at the start of the first pay period 30 days following adoption