

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO-
Departmental Correspondence

Date February 19, 2001
Hearing Date February 27, 2001

TO Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM Brian Zamora, Director, Public Health and Environmental Protection
SUBJECT Agreement with Children and Families First Commission of San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$29,368 for unanticipated revenue

Background

Asthma has been on the rise in the United States and the world for the past two decades According to estimates based on data from the 1995 National Health Interview Survey (MMWR 47 1022-1025), over 17 million Americans, or 6.4% of the population, suffered from asthma in 1998 California had the highest prevalence rate at 7.1% (MMWR, ibid).

Children are disproportionately affected by asthma A recent national survey of asthma sufferers found that, compared to adult asthmatics, larger proportions of asthmatic children were hospitalized, visited emergency departments, and lost school days due to asthma (Asthma in America 1998) In California, asthma affects a half million children and is a leading cause of school absences and hospital admissions California Policy Seminar report 1998) In San Mateo County, children under 5 years old have higher asthma related hospitalization rates compared to all children (0 to 14) combined In addition, minority children have disproportionately higher asthma related hospitalization rates relative to white children

Childhood asthma is increasing despite increased knowledge about the disease and improved treatment options While hospitalization rates are high for children under 5, little is known about asthma in this age group Asthma may be misdiagnosed as another respiratory illness or may worsen respiratory infections Younger children cannot describe their symptoms accurately and thus rely on parents and physicians to recognize signs of asthma Although the overall sense is that childhood asthma rates in San Mateo County are no higher than the national average, there are definitely some communities that are affected more than others How much more is still unknown

Discussion

The Children and Families First Commission has provided funding to the Public Health Division to assist with convening a broad-based working group to examine existing data about early childhood asthma in San Mateo County and to set priorities for addressing asthma as a public health issue. Objectives of this project include building relationships within the communities and between different agencies, assessing existing asthma data and services, and drafting a strategic plan for addressing childhood asthma in San Mateo County. The agreement with the Children and Families First Commission is currently being processed by the County Manager's Office.

Performance Measures	Goal
Survey healthcare, childcare and community based organizations to identify coalition participants and assess attitudes about asthma in the community	300 Survey Responses
Establish a childhood asthma coalition	Identify interested individuals and organizations and establish regular coalition meetings
Identify data and gaps in data	Compile a list of asthma resources, services and data sources in San Mateo County
Draft strategic plan with input from and coordination of participating coalition members	Completed Report

Term and Fiscal Impact

The total amount of the unanticipated revenue received is \$29,368. To achieve the objectives of the asthma project, a part-time extra-help student intern will be hired into the position of Medical Office Specialist II and a half-time extra-help Community Program Specialist II will be recruited and hired to serve as the Program Coordinator. Existing staff, an epidemiologist and pediatrician will advise and provide guidance for the project. Funds from the Children and Families First Commission will support the part-time positions, the cost of supplies, printing and mailing. There is no net county cost.

RECOMMENDED



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST**

REQUEST NO
ATR1 063

DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH

DATE
1/31/01

1. REQUEST TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS AS LISTED BELOW:

	C O D E S		AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
	FUND OR ORG	ACCOUNT		
From	62220	2658	29368	Other Miscellaneous Revenue
To	62220	4161	17197	Extra Help
	62220	4629	685	Benefit Adjustment
	62220	5193	1000	Office Supplies/Materials
	62220	5197	1200	Postage/Mailing
	62220	5191	4000	Printing/Copying
	62220	5714	1500	Travel

Justification (Attach Memo if Necessary)

62220	5721	2000	Training/Conferences
62220	5199	1786	Other Office Expenses

DEPARTMENT HEAD

BY *Margaret Taylor*

DATE
2/2/01

2. Board Action Required

Four-Fifths Vote Required

Board Action Not Required

Remarks

COUNTY CONTROLLER

BY *[Signature]*

DATE
02-14-01

3. Approve as Requested

Approve as Revised

Disapprove

Remarks

COUNTY MANAGER

BY

DATE

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

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, that

WHEREAS the Department hereinabove named in the Request for Appropriation Allotment or Transfer of Funds has requested the transfer of certain funds as described in said Request; and

WHEREAS, the County Controller has approved said Request as to accounting and available balances and the County Manager has recommended the transfer of funds as set forth hereinabove:

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the recommendations of the County Manager be approved and that the transfer of funds as set forth in said Request be effected.

Regularly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Ayes and in favor of said resolution:

Noes and against said resolution:

Supervisors: _____

Supervisors: _____