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AGENDA ITEM: Statewide agreements and amendments

Amendment to the Interagency State Agreement with Arizona Department of Health Services for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Federal Grant to increase the funding from \$3,669,000 to \$4,438,434 to implement Healthy Families Home Visiting model in the community health analysis area of NE Yavapai and to extend the contract period to September 30, 2015 (\$1,479,478 each year).

Approve a second Interagency State Agreement with Arizona Department of Health Services for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant to fund home visiting coordinator in the Graham Greenlee region in the amount of \$195,000 from January 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015 (\$65,000 each year).

BACKGROUND: In July 2010, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) was awarded \$1.8 million to implement the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. In September 2011, ADHS was awarded two additional grants:

- The Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Formula Funding for \$2.6 million
- The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Competitive Grant for \$9.4 million

The Program will use the funding in the following ways:

- Implement or expand evidence based early childhood home visiting services in communities with identified need based on the 2010 Risk Assessment. This assessment measured risk based on indicators defined by HRSA in the Funding Opportunity Announcement such as poverty, teen births, domestic violence, child maltreatment.
- Decisions prioritizing communities to visit were made collectively by representatives of ADHS, ADES, ADE, and FTF based on risk and capacity of each community. The Community Health Analysis Area (CHAA) was used to define communities and 31 CHAAs that ranked at the highest were identified as the communities to reach through this grant. <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/azchaa/>

- Two models will be funded: Healthy Families and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
- A promising practice, Family Spirit, developed by Johns Hopkins University and implemented in the White Mountain Apache tribe community will be funded with the allowed twenty five percent of the FFY 2010 award.
- ADHS will implement the MIECHV program using a phased approach. The process is to hold individual community meetings with local stakeholders to determine if a particular community is interested in implementing one of the models, and if they do, which evidence based model (Healthy Families and/or Nurse Family Partnership) is the best fit.

The Interagency team comprised of ADHS, ADE, DES, and FTF have agreed that DHS and FTF will partner to implement the federal home visiting grant in the community health analysis area of Yavapai NE. The Yavapai Regional Council has met and approved the partnership and release of a RFGA in the amount of \$256,478 to serve approximately 40 families for this community health analysis area. DHS held a community meeting back in September in which it was determined that Healthy Families would be the home visiting model to implement.

For the Graham Greenlee home visiting coordinator, the Regional Council has met and approved the partnership. The Regional Council released a RFGA in March of this year to implement Healthy Families in Greenlee County while the federal home visiting grant was used to service Graham County. The Regional Council's grant agreement will be amended to include the coordinator position. This amended grant agreement will be brought forward to the Board at its January meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The CEO recommends approval of the amendment and new ISA with the Arizona Department of Health Services.