



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: May 27, 2005

To: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET

Subject: APPROVAL OF THE FOUR YEAR TWIN CITIES HEALTHY START
ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS LIST

Recommendation:

1. Council approval of the four year Eligible Providers list for the Twin Cities Healthy Start program comprised of the following agencies:
 - University of Minnesota /Community University Health Care Center
 - University of Minnesota/Baby's Space
 - Hennepin County/NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center
 - Hennepin County/Family Medical Center
 - American Indian Family Center
 - American Indian Family Center, as fiscal agent for Eastside Family Center
 - Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency
 - Open Cities Health Center
 - Southside Community Health Services
 - Way to Grow
 - Indian Health Board of Minneapolis
 - Division of Indian Work/Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
 - Face to Face Health & Counseling Service
 - Westside Community Health Center/Health Start
 - Catholic Charities/Seaton Services
 - Cedar Riverside People's Center
2. Authorization for the appropriate City officials to develop contracts for services with any of the agencies on the Eligible Providers list, based on federal grant requirements, for the period of June 2005- May 2009.

Previous Directives:

April 29, 2005 authorization to issue an RFP to establish the Eligible Providers List

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department has applied for federal funding to continue the Twin Cities Healthy Start (TCHS) program for an additional four years (6/05-5/09). Because of late notification as to whether the project will be refunded, and to comply with the City's procurement requirement for competitive access by agencies to City funds (local tax or grant), the department issued an RFP to create a four year Eligible Providers list for the TCHS program. By identifying and certifying in advance community providers who are eligible to receive contracts for services for the period of June 2005- May 2009, contracts can be executed rapidly upon notification of award to reduce the delay in the provision of Healthy Start services. The determination of which agencies receive initial contracts will be based on the program plan as approved by the federal Healthy Start program. Contracts will be issued for a one year period, and may be renewed annually through May 2009, contingent upon funding and performance.

The Healthy Start project focuses on reducing infant mortality and morbidity among African American and American Indian women in selected areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The specific areas include: Camden, Near North, Northeast, Phillips, and Powderhorn in Minneapolis; and Dayton's Bluff, Hazel Park/Hayden, Northend, Payne/Phalen, Summit University, and Thomas/Dale in St. Paul.