



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: October 27, 2009

To: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Subject: Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support 2010 Legislative Agenda

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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Approved by: Gene Ranieri, Director, IGR _____

Presenters in Committee: Patty Bowler and Pat Harrison

Supporting Information

In August, the IGR Committee Chair requested city elected officials and staff submit legislative proposals to the IGR office by September 18. The below proposals are new possible agenda items from the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support for the 2010 legislative session.

Statute	Action	Intent	State Fiscal Impact?
Maintain funding for the Youth Intervention Program Association	YIPA funds were reduced 3% (\$50k) in 2009, and \$750K (for 2 years) in one-time funds were not added to the base of the program, as requested.	Goal is to reinstate the 3% reduction, or prevent any future cuts.	\$50,000
Prenatal Substance Abuse (626.5561, Subd. 1).	Amend statute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not require reporting when a pregnant woman who has sought prenatal care acknowledges substance use that occurred before she knew she was pregnant, and• Not require reporting of use of alcohol or	MDHFS measures infant mortality and use of prenatal care services as indicators of a healthy city in <i>Results Minneapolis</i> . As an administrator of the federal <i>Healthy Start</i> program, the department is a hub for health information	None

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	<p>marijuana thereafter unless the use is considered to be habitual or excessive</p>	<p>and resources for the community. MDHFS conducted focus groups to identify why infant mortality and prenatal care indicators were lagging. Respondents indicated fear of punishment from reporting prenatal substance use prevented them from accesses needed prenatal medical care.</p> <p>Goal: Remove one potential barrier to early entry into prenatal care created by the perceived punitive nature of a state law mandating that health care providers report prenatal substance use to local welfare agencies.</p>	
<p>Expand Health Care Access and Protect Funding for the Integrity of Safety Net Programs</p>	<p>Support proposals to protect health care access and resources to help low-income persons obtain health care coverage and health services.</p> <p>Particular emphasis on the Governor's unallotment of General Assistance Medical Care and the impact on Minneapolis, public safety and city livability as a result of the unallotment.</p> <p>Move this item to the "Priority" section. Was a support item in 2009.</p>	<p>Ensure all residents have access to affordable, quality health care.</p>	<p>Yes. Various</p>