

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
Urgent X Routine _____
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES RW NO _____
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # IX. A.
AGENDA DATE September 18, 2001
4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO _____

SUBJECT:
APPROVAL OF A LETTER TO HONORABLE HELEN THOMPSON, DEDE ALPERT, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR, LOCAL LEGISLATORS, SUPPORTING AB 1147 TO RESTORE STATE GENERAL FUND FOR MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS.

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

AUTHORIZE A LETTER TO BE SENT TO HONORABLE HELEN THOMPSON, OUR LOCAL LEGISLATORS, AND DEDE ALPERT, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR, LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THESE FUNDS ARE CRUCIAL TO STANISLAUS COUNTY AND WE ARE ASKING FOR SUPPORT OF THIS URGENCY BILL.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

The elimination of State General Fund dollars for Maternal and Child Health Programs results in a loss of \$50,066 from the State, but a significant loss of over \$186,000 in Federal Matching dollars, for a total loss of \$236,066 to Stanislaus County. This is a mandated service and as such should be funded by Federal and State funds.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-726

On motion of Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: _____
Noes: Supervisors: _____
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: _____
Abstaining: Supervisor: _____

- 1) _____ Approved as recommended
- 2) _____ Denied
- 3) _____ Approved as amended

MOTION:

NO ACTION TAKEN

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

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DISCUSSION: Veto from the State Budget resulted in the elimination of the State Allocation to support the County's Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs.

The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs are part of the Federal Title V requirement to ensure the health of women, infants and children in all States. The States are required to provide a Title V plan to the Federal Government outlining: (1) the General Fund support to the programs, and (2) a scope of work relating to the Healthy People 2010 Objectives within all counties.

The State has provided such support to the local government programs since 1980, but all of that could end with Governor Davis' paring of this year's proposed allocation by \$2.6 million. The loss of State General fund dollars will result in over \$6.7 million dollars in revenue loss to the counties, due to the subsequent loss of Matching Federal Funds. This will result in some counties providing no services, to a burden on some counties to fund Federal and State mandated services to women, children and families.

A bill would restore \$2,644,000 in State General Funds for County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Services. Assemblywoman Helen Thompson, D-Woodland, is sponsoring a bill, AB 1147, that would restore the funding that was cut by the Governor's veto. The bill, which heads for a pivotal Senate vote next week, requires two-thirds approval in each house of the Legislature, because it would involve a late-session appropriation.

**POLICY
ISSUES:**

Board of Supervisors approval supports the policy decision of not supporting unfunded mandates in Stanislaus County. It will also support the Board of Supervisors mission of promoting the health, safety and welfare and the local economy.

**STAFFING
IMPACTS:**

Loss of funding can result in a reduction of up to four (4) staff; those most involved in assuring women and children receive timely, culturally and linguistically appropriate health services.