

Resolution Summary Sept. 8th, 2022
Personnel & Human Services Committee

Resolution P2209351

Title: Baby's Own Bed Award

Type of Resolution:

Financial Implication: increase of \$2,000

Main Points:

Unsafe sleep environments are a contributing factor to Berrien County's unacceptably high infant mortality rates. Injuries to toddlers and young children can be prevented in the home by having a safe space for children to sleep. Great Start Collaborative has graciously awarded Berrien County Health Department funding to by beds for the Baby's Own Bed program, and will provide Berrien County Health Department a check in the amount of \$2000.

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Title: Health Educator addition to the Health Department Compliment

Type of Resolution: Grant funded

Financial Implication: 1 FT FTE

Main Points:

Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) provides family health support parenting education services and programs for families and partners across Berrien County through various models such as Taking Pride In Prevention, Michigan Adolescent Pregnant and Parenting Program (MI-APPP), Triple P Positive Parenting Program .Organizing and structure institution and community based process across sectors to ensure they promote and never inhibit achievement of equity in maternal- child health. Recent community need has led to internal program and service growth over the past years, now encompassing additional program models and community coalitions such as Raising Up Healthy Babies Taskforce (addressing infant mortality reduction improving health outcomes), Taking Pride In Prevention (a teen sexual health and healthy relationship initiative), Fatherhood mentorship and support networks, expanding community coalition work around issues parenting education, maternal and infant mortality, and childhood and infant death review. The staffing changes proposed will allow for BCHD to appropriately support family health program functions, uphold program model fidelity expanding program delivery, continuing operations in accordance to established work plans by a variety of grant funders and ensure more cohesive alignment across department positions and function. This proposed change is able to be supported through existing budget/funding. Board of Health endorses this resolution.