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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

The Healthy Birth Initiative (HBI) program improves birth outcomes and the health of new families, mothers, and fathers in the African American community, helping children get a healthy start in life. For 25 years, HBI has improved birth outcomes in the African American community using a culturally specific model that addresses the underlying causes of health inequities. HBI participants have demonstrated lower rates of infant mortality and low birth weight and higher rates of early prenatal care compared to African Americans not enrolled in the program. HBI also focuses on the importance of father involvement in achieving better outcomes.

Program Summary

The Black/African American community experiences the most severe inequities across the spectrum of perinatal health, including a rate of low birth weight at twice that of white non-Hispanics. HBI's core goal is to eliminate these disparities. Long-term benefits of the program include healthy children who are ready to learn; a healthier workforce; increased parent advocacy skills; decreased costs across health and social service systems; and gains in equity for the county's Black/African American community.

HBI uses a family-centered approach that engages mothers, fathers, and other caretakers in supporting a child's development. Components of HBI include case management, health education, community engagement, service coordination, and collective impact. HBI nurses utilize the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program as a key component of home visiting services, as well as numerous other evidence-based models. HBI promotes care coordination between internal Health Department programs, external health and social service providers, nursing schools, and larger health systems. HBI nurses also participate on committees to help NFP gain a better understanding of leading with race and implementing racial equity change throughout their system.

HBI uses program data, as well as local, state, and national data to guide programmatic focus. HBI reaches the Black/African American community through targeted marketing and outreach both to community members and providers who serve the community, as well as by engaging clients in a Community Action Network (CAN). The CAN is led by parents and comprises a number of healthcare, social service, and culturally specific agencies working together to implement community-identified strategies. The CAN offers a venue for client engagement and feedback, including the opportunity for clients to hold leadership roles to influence program design and implementation. HBI staff also present to a variety of health systems to educate providers on ways to provide better care to HBI clients.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of families served	312	350	350	370
Outcome	Percent of mothers initiating breastfeeding after delivery	92%	95%	95%	95%
Quality	Percent of participants who remain in program until child is two years old	50%	80%	80%	80%
Quality	Percent of participants who express satisfaction with cultural specificity of program	0%	95%	95%	95%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Due to COVID no client satisfaction surveys were conducted in FY21 (impacting Performance Measure 4).

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Federal Uniform Grant Guidelines, LPHA State/Federal Program Requirements, FQHC Rulebook OAR 410-147-0595, MCM OAR 410-130-0595, TCM OAR 410-138-0000 through 410-138-0420, Title V/Maternal Child Health. Targeted Case Management requires matching local funds.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$958,622	\$1,238,363	\$1,125,069	\$1,188,333
Contractual Services	\$235,684	\$103,072	\$133,940	\$196,221
Materials & Supplies	\$39,251	\$42,585	\$73,184	\$0
Internal Services	\$163,373	\$286,440	\$288,554	\$159,712
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,396,930	\$1,670,460	\$1,620,747	\$1,544,266
Program Total:	\$3,067,390		\$3,165,013	
Program FTE	7.05	8.75	8.00	7.80

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$980,000	\$0	\$980,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$16,493	\$0	\$25,092
Service Charges	\$0	\$673,967	\$0	\$539,174
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,670,460	\$0	\$1,544,266

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$159,712 in indirect revenues.

Healthy Birth Initiative is funded by: Medicaid Targeted Case Management (TCM) Medicaid Maternity Case Management and a Health Resources and Services Administration grant.

\$ 980,000 - Health Resources Services Administration grant

\$ 539,174 - Targeted Case Management

\$ 25,092 - HBI recoveries

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 40058 Healthy Birth Initiative

COVID-19-Related Impacts - In FY22, MCFH programs had a reduction in referrals and services; staff were deployed into COVID-19 response activities; and in-home services were transitioned to telehealth services, all of which impacted visit numbers. Due to COVID, no client satisfaction surveys were conducted in FY21. HBI is on track to resume satisfaction surveys in FY22, and FY23 projects a return to some in-person services and an associated increase in the number of families served. Staff will continue to support COVID-19 response for HBI clients. A request for 0.75 FTE in General Fund is being requested to backfill projected reductions in Medicaid revenue once HBI returns to pre-pandemic levels.