

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Maternal, Child, and Family Health Component Budget Summary

Component: Maternal, Child, and Family Health

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Component Mission

The Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health supports Alaska's women, infants, children and families to achieve their best possible health and well-being.

Component Services Provided

Programs within the component work to assess the health status of women and children, work with other private and public health entities to identify needed services and collaborate with families, local providers and other state and public agencies to assure the delivery of needed services and education and referral, as appropriate.

A list of the primary services include:

1) Obtaining, analyzing and disseminating information specific to the health status and health risks of women, children and families in Alaska for use in identifying and defining important health issues, so the service delivery system and resources can best be directed to address the problems and improve the overall health status of these populations. Examples of projects to carry out this work include:

a) the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) - a monthly survey of women who give birth which gathers information on the health risk behaviors and circumstances of pregnancy and postpartum women;

b) Maternal and Infant Mortality Review (MIMR) - a coordinated statewide review of infant deaths, to identify possible preventable causes of infant deaths as a first step in designing education and intervention programs to reduce the infant mortality rate;

c) The maintenance of an FAS surveillance system and development and implementation of strategies for prevention;

d) Maintenance of a birth defects registry for the purpose of identifying the specific birth defects in the state and the magnitude of various disorders so appropriate programs and services are made available to serve these special needs; and

e) Performance of various studies to ascertain risk factors and effective interventions to decrease childhood morbidity such as Vitamin D deficiency, iron-deficiency anemia, intentional trauma in infants, and asthma.

2) Promoting access to a flexible array of quality services to all Alaskan infant and toddlers with special developmental needs and to their families, through the Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program. Services are provided through 19 local grantees in a manner that respects families, communities and cultural differences and promotes genuine partnerships in all aspects of service design and delivery. This program includes Part C of IDEA, the federal program mandating services to young children birth through age two who experience severe developmental delays.

3) Providing services to women of child-bearing age to ensure child bearing occurs in the healthiest manner possible. Support for this outcome is provided through grants and contracts that support family planning service providers in selected communities, training and technical assistance to local providers in the areas of prenatal care, high-risk pregnancy management and overall women's health care. Family planning services are available in several areas of the state.

4) Providing information, technical assistance and training and other support to local communities in the development of holistic adolescent health programs, based on sound research and tested methods for successful intervention. Services are made available based on the State Adolescent Health Plan developed by an autonomous multi-disciplinary, private - public advisory council.

- 5) Managing the mandatory state newborn metabolic screening program to ensure that all newborns are tested in a timely manner, that positive results are made available to providers and families in a timely manner and treatment initiated within established time frames.
- 6) Ensuring access to specialty/diagnostic clinic consultation and counseling in the areas of genetics, cardiology, neurodevelopmental, and cleft lip and palate, through contracts with specialty physicians and collaboration with other Alaskan providers and institutions.
- 7) Coordinating and managing the Healthy Families Alaska Program services are provided through a separate component and funding is provided through grants to local agencies on a long-term basis.
- 8) Continue to offer a Family Violence Prevention Program to educate health providers to identify, refer and intervene appropriately when abuse is suspected/identified. Improve the local community's capacity to involve health providers in local domestic abuse prevention/treatment efforts. Coordinate a clearing house on family violence issues.
- 9) Provide access to Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening services through provider agreements with screening and diagnostic providers in communities statewide.
- 10) Develop and implement a statewide voluntary newborn hearing screening program in hospitals and birthing centers.
- 11) Provide training and technical assistance to grantees, mental health providers, and medical providers regarding young children's behavioral health.
- 12) Initiate an oral health needs assessment and increase access to dental services for children throughout Alaska.

Component Goals and Strategies

The goal of this component is to promote optimum health outcomes for Alaskans by providing leadership in health care, assessing individual and community health status and needs, providing support and information to policy makers, and assuring the delivery of preventative, rehabilitative, and educational health services targeting children, child-bearing women, and families, especially those with limited incomes, disabilities, and other circumstances of vulnerability.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

Continue the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative

Continue to implement a Newborn Hearing Screening Program in all hospitals and birthing centers

Integrate the EPSDT program and Denali Kid Care Outreach into the new Children's Health Unit

Secure funding for the Birth Defects registry

Secure I/A authority for an oral health needs assessment

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

In the year 2001 the birth defects registry has increased efforts to enhance the surveillance system to ensure that complete and quality data are available in a timely manner. The Alaska Birth Defects Registry is now in the process of analyzing birth defects data for birth years 1996 through 1998. Recent evaluation of the Registry data shows that of all the children born in Alaska every year (an average of 10,000 births per year) about 500 children are reported to the Registry with at least one major congenital anomaly.

For the first time, statewide population based surveillance rates have been published for Alaskan children with FAS and at risk for FAS. This data, based on birth years 1995-1998 includes analysis of extensive medical information collected from the records of 505 Alaskan children. This represents abstraction of medical information from the charts of 93% of all children born 1995-1998 who were referred to the AK Birth Defects registry with ICD-9 codes 760.71 "Infant with

prenatal alcohol exposure” and 742.1 “microcephaly”.

The Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program screened over 4,000 women statewide between July, 2000 and June, 2001.

Initiated a children behavioral health initiative which focuses on children 0 to 5 years of age with the intent to look at the prevention of behavioral pathology in children.

MCFH was awarded a federal grant to develop a surveillance and tracking system for Newborn Hearing Screening in Alaska.

MCFH was awarded a federal grant to develop a “State Genetics Plan” in Alaska.

MCFH developed a “Children’s Health Unit” which integrated many existing Section programs into one Unit and additionally incorporated the EPSDT program and the DKC outreach component.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 08.36.271	Dentist Permits for Isolated Areas
AS 09.25.120	Public Records
AS 14.30.191, .231	Education for Exceptional Children
AS 18.05.010-070	Administration of Public Health and Related Laws
AS 18.15.200	Disease Control
AS 18. 16.010	Regulation of Abortions
AS18.50.010/.30/.40	Vital Statistics Act
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health & Social Services
AS 47.20	Services for Developmentally Delayed or Disabled Children
7AAC23.010-.900	Programs for Handicapped Children
7AAC27.005-.900	Preventative Medical Services
7AAC 78.010-.320	Grant Programs

**Maternal, Child, and Family Health
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	4,458.4	4,820.8	6,107.4
72000 Travel	207.7	284.4	434.4
73000 Contractual	3,353.6	3,125.8	4,162.3
74000 Supplies	420.7	535.9	555.9
75000 Equipment	196.3	176.5	206.5
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	3,660.0	4,177.0	4,307.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	12,296.7	13,120.4	15,773.5
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	8,651.7	9,310.8	9,267.2
1003 General Fund Match	1,077.3	1,083.7	1,094.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	341.8	262.0	308.2
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	239.3	237.7	340.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,840.5	1,973.0	4,356.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	101.2	102.5	255.8
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	9.5	0.0	0.0
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	35.3	150.7	151.8
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.1	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	12,296.7	13,120.4	15,773.5

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	8,651.7	9,310.8	9,310.8	9,267.2	9,267.2
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,840.5	1,973.0	1,973.0	4,356.0	4,356.0
General Fund Program Receipts	51060	239.3	237.7	237.7	340.5	340.5
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mental Health Trust Authority Auth.Rec.	51410	35.3	150.7	150.7	151.8	151.8
Restricted Total		10,776.4	11,672.2	11,672.2	14,115.5	14,115.5

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Total Estimated Revenues		10,776.4	11,672.2	11,672.2	14,115.5	14,115.5

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

The fund change from Federal to GF for the AK Birth Defects Registry (ABDR) will allow this essential surveillance system to continue and to expand. The ABDR is in place to identify children expected to have special health care needs, and to provide vital information about the frequency and distribution of birth defects, ensuring that systems level responses are in place to meet the service needs of these children. By having ample and appropriate services available for these children, there is a greater opportunity to prevent secondary disabilities. Furthermore, information provided by the ABDR is crucial for monitoring and focusing prevention efforts for serious birth defects over time; ultimately allowing for the reduction of certain health care costs. This fund change will fund a vacant PCN (06-1841) and will also fund the existing position that works exclusively on the registry.

The increment to increase I/A authority to fund a children’s oral health needs assessment is needed because there currently exists no information upon which to make either local or statewide service delivery decisions regarding oral health. We know anecdotally that Alaska has very high rates of childhood caries, baby bottle mouth decay and significant challenges to access to dental services. The needs assessment will be the first step in beginning to enumerate the problems so we can target intervention appropriately.

The Section requests a \$100.0 increment in authority to allow the specialty clinic program to collect and use all receipts generated by the clinics and the newborn metabolic screening program.

Twelve staff from the former Medicaid Services Unit, including Denali KidCare Outreach, joined MCFH in August 2001. The staff, located in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks were reorganized and incorporated into two MCFH Units: the newly formed Children's Health Unit and the Administrative/Data Management Unit. The Children's Health Unit was established in July 2001 and received the majority of the MSU staff in MCFH. The Children's Health Unit also includes Newborn Hearing Screening, Children's Oral Health and the Healthy Families Alaska program.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	1,685.9	9,310.8	2,123.7	13,120.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	20.8	106.4	63.8	191.0
-Transfer from Health Services/Medicaid for Reorganization	0.0	0.0	1,320.0	1,320.0
-Alaska Birth Defects Registry	150.0	-150.0	0.0	0.0
-Transfer positions from Medicaid Services Unit due to re-org ADN 0620002	0.0	0.0	700.3	700.3
-Transfer position in from Public Health Admin Services ADN 0620002	41.8	0.0	0.0	41.8
Proposed budget increases:				
-Pediatric Oral Health Surveillance	0.0	0.0	300.0	300.0

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
-Specialty Clinic Receipt Authority	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
FY2003 Governor	1,998.5	9,267.2	4,507.8	15,773.5

Maternal, Child, and Family Health**Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	82	103	Annual Salaries	4,717,590
Part-time	0	0	COLA	111,842
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	1,732,645
			<i>Less 6.93% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(454,677)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	82	103	Total Personal Services	6,107,400

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accountant III	1	0	1	0	2
Accounting Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Accounting Tech I	1	0	1	0	2
Accounting Tech II	1	0	1	0	2
Administrative Assistant	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	10	0	2	0	12
Administrative Clerk III	7	0	1	0	8
Administrative Supervisor	1	0	1	0	2
Analyst/Programmer II	0	0	1	0	1
Analyst/Programmer IV	6	0	2	0	8
Analyst/Programmer V	1	0	0	0	1
Assoc Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Grants Administrator I	1	0	0	0	1
Health Program Associate	4	0	1	0	5
Health Program Mgr I	5	1	2	0	8
Health Program Mgr II	9	0	1	0	10
Health Program Mgr III	6	0	2	0	8
Health Program Mgr IV	1	0	0	0	1
Hlth & Soc Svcs Plnr II	2	0	0	0	2
Information Officer III	1	0	0	0	1
Micro/Network Spec I	0	0	1	0	1
Micro/Network Tech I	1	0	0	0	1
Prog Coordinator	1	0	1	0	2
Public Health Spec I	6	0	1	0	7
Public Health Spec II	8	0	0	0	8
Public Hlth Medical Spec	1	0	0	0	1
Publications Tech II	1	0	0	0	1
Research Analyst I	1	0	0	0	1
Research Analyst II	1	0	0	0	1
Statistical Clerk	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	83	1	19	0	103