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Health Services Department recommending the Board approve and authorize said Department to sign a letter of support for Healthy Kids Healthy Future's grant application for a Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Outreach and Enrollment grant.

FUNDING: This letter of support has no financial implication to the County.

Healthy Kids Healthy Future (HKHF) is the first regional non-profit Children's Health Initiative (CHI) in the state of California and includes Colusa, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yuba counties. The Health Services Department is a founding partner of HKHF; the County is represented on HKHF's Board of Directors by a County Board of Supervisors member, a local First 5 Commissioner, and a member-at-large representing the local CHI.

Working with HKHF, the County is able to provide access to health care for families who would have no other viable options for their children. HKHF has successfully made progress in addressing the needs of the underserved population in the five-county region by creating a health insurance product called Healthy Kids that mirrors the Healthy Families benefit package, with the exception that it covers children from families with incomes at 251-300% of the Federal Poverty Level, and does not inquire regarding immigration status.

HKHF is a model for collaborative partnerships among metropolitan, urban and rural counties to maximize resources to ensure the health and well being of all children in the region. Their mission is to maximize the efficiency of outreach and enrollment efforts, along with a comprehensive system of communications and services that also includes utilization and retention activities.

Reason for Recommendation: Board of Supervisors Policy A-5 - *Grant Endorsements for Non-County Agencies*, requires Departments to obtain approval from the Board prior to providing endorsement for non-county grant applications. The Healthy Kids Healthy Future application is consistent with the Public Health Division goals of increasing access to health care for the children and families in our community. The recommended letter of support commits no County resources, staff, or funding.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Upon approval by the Board, the Health Services Department will sign and forward the letter of support to the Department of Health & Human Services on behalf of Healthy Kids Healthy Future.

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