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March **4,** 2002 **AGENDA March 19,2002**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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701 Ocean Street
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Re: Approval of Male Involvement Program Collaborative Grant Renewal

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) requests your Board's approval to submit a collaborative grant application to the California Department of Health Services (DHS) Office of Family Planning for a maximum annual amount of $150,000 to support the HSA Male Involvement Program for an additional three years. The grant proposal requests local assistance funds to increase the involvement of adolescent and young males in the prevention of teen pregnancy and unintended fatherhood. The grant application is due to the State on April *2,* 2002.

The HSA Male Involvement Program has been awarded funds through a competitive grant award process from the DHS Office of Family Planning since 1996. Our current agreement ends June 30, 2002. The intent of grant proposal is to increase community and individual awareness of the importance of the roles and responsibilities males have in the reduction of teen pregnancies, and to increase knowledge, skills, and motivation of males to actively promote their role in reducing teen pregnancies. The development process for the new Request for Proposal issued by DHS is a community-based, collaborative grant application that involves many agencies in Santa Cruz County. The program components include prevention education, community awareness and mobilization, youth leadership development, institutionalization and male involvement, guidance and referral, linkages with clinical services, and youth/adult partnerships.

At this time, comprehensive efforts to complete the necessary development process for the collaborative grant application are underway; but have not been finalized. HSA anticipates that the final grant application will be similar to those developed in previous years. HSA requests authorization to submit the grant application, if relatively similar to previous years, and return a final copy of the application to your Board once it has been submitted to the State. Since this is an on-going program, no additional County funds will be needed or requested if the grant application is funded.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit a collaborative grant application to the California Department of Health Services Office of Family Planning for a maximum annual amount of $150,000 to support the HSA Male Involvement Program.

Sincerely,

Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Public Health Administration

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