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Rural Health Demonstration Projects FY 2008-2009

The Rural Health Demonstration Project (RHDP) solicitation approved by the Board on June 20, 2007 sought proposals covering two fiscal years, beginning November 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Approximately \$5.8 million was available for RHDPs.

MRMIB received 143 proposals from seven (7) HFP participating plans. Plans requested a combined total of \$37,545,339 for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09. Table I shows the number of projects proposed by plan.

**Table I
Proposals and Funds Requested for
FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09**

Plan	Proposals Submitted	Total Funds Requested
Access Dental	9	\$1,078,650
Anthem Blue Cross	36	\$7,392,369
Delta Dental	32	\$11,320,705
Health Net	12	\$3,023,152
Health Plan of San Joaquin	1	\$232,210
Inland Empire Health Plan	2	\$954,167
Premier Access	51	\$13,544,086
Total	143	\$37,545,339

At the September 19, 2007 Board meeting the Board approved funding for twenty-four (24) projects from six plans. Staff selected the 24 projects for funding because they met or exceeded the selection criteria described in the solicitation. Attachment I lists the funded projects for 2007-2008

One hundred twenty-two (122) projects were not recommended for funding. Although 73 of the remaining proposals were rated as excellent, MRMIB did not have funds to support all the proposed projects. Table II shows the number and types of project represented by the 73 excellent proposals. Staff advised the Board that projects rated as excellent could be funded in the future, if additional funds become available.

Table II
Unfunded Proposal Rated as Excellent
for 2007-08

Projects Rates as Excellent	Number of Projects Available in Each Category
Increase hours of clinic operations	27
Increase the number of providers	10
Health education	3
Preventive care and health promotion	8
Mobile health and/or dental van	18
Telemedicine	1
Ambulatory surgery centers	2
Preventive dental services	4
Total	73

Proposed Process FY 2008-09

Based on budget conference committee actions to date, MRMIB anticipates having approximately \$6.3 million the FY 2008/09. Staff recommends that we evaluate the 73 projects proposed in 2007 that were rated as excellent and recommend funding for projects that meet the selection criteria. The selection of new projects from the 2007 solicitation would save plan, project and MRMIB staff time and funds and enable MRMIB to fund worthy projects in a timely manner. Under this scenario, staff anticipates new projects would be funded beginning November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

If the Board concurs, staff will bring recommendations for funding for funding for the FY 2008-2009 to the next Board Meeting.

If additional funds are appropriated for the 2009-2010 budget year, it is the intention of staff to conduct a formal solicitation for new Rural Health Demonstration Projects.

RHDP Projects Recommended for Funding
FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09

ID	COUNTY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDS FY 07-08	FUNDS FY 08-09	TOTAL FUNDS
Plan: Access Dental					\$48,978
GA 04	Mono	Mobile Dental-Provide restorative dental services to children, ages 0-19, utilizing a two-operator self-sustaining mobile dental unit. The project will also work with local children's dental disease prevention programs to bring oral health education to children in multiple pre-schools and school sites.	\$17,604	\$31,374	\$48,978
Plan: Blue Cross					\$1,935,633
GA 06	Riverside/Imperial	Mental Health-Expand developmental & behavioral pediatric services with funding for 1.0 FTE Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrician. Clinic hours will also be increased to provide additional access to primary care services.	\$77,842	\$116,399	\$194,241
GA 11	Tulare	Increased Medical Access-Provide direct health care services and education on diabetes, nutrition, and prenatal care. The project will partially fund salaries for a nurse, medical assistants and health educators.	\$128,086	\$186,076	\$314,162
GA 12	Riverside	Telemedicine-Funding for store and forward software for dermatology services. The project will increase patient access to dermatology screening, treatment and specialty care.	\$14,829	\$4,169	\$18,998
GA 15	Siskiyou	Mental Health-Expand counseling services through partial funding for a treatment team consisting of a Psychologist, LCSW, Nutrition Counselor and other team support.	\$57,000	\$383,000	\$440,000
GA 18	Tulare	Mental Health-Preventative & early intervention mental health services for children ages 0-19 by funding 1.0 FTE LCSW or MFT.	\$83,894	\$125,840	\$209,734
GA 19	Marin	Obesity Prevention & Nutrition-Implementation of a comprehensive program addressing childhood obesity via partial funding for medical and nutritional educational staff.	\$59,627	\$79,520	\$139,147
GA 21	Nevada	Mental Health-Substance abuse treatment and safe behavior program for children and families with funding for 1.0 FTE MFT and partial funding for a Psychiatrist, Psychologist and Peer Counselor.	\$125,481	\$190,425	\$315,906
SP 10	Yolo/Solano/Napa	Mental Health-Increased access to behavioral services for migrant children & their parents. A bilingual psychologist will add eight clinical hours to this program and focus on serving elementary school age children	\$43,685	\$66,174	\$109,859
SP 14	Alameda, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara	Diabetic and Nutrition Education-Primary mobile health care, treatment and preventive education for migrant children in the areas of obesity prevention and diabetes.	\$96,793	\$96,793	\$193,586
Plan: Delta Dental					\$724,568
SP 12	Glenn, Butte, Tehama	Ambulatory Surgery Services-Increase dental services by partially funding two dentists and fully funding two RDAs. Staff will provide restorative dentistry and oral surgery services under general anesthesia.	\$140,219	\$173,949	\$314,168
SP 13	Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, Solano	Ambulatory Surgery Services-Funding for dental staff to provide oral surgery services using oral sedation and general anesthesia. Funding includes partial salaries for a Dentist, Anesthesiologist, Nurse, 2 RDAs and supplies. This is a new surgery center.	\$163,080	\$247,320	\$410,400

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Plan: Health Plan of San Joaquin					\$232,210
SP 01	San Joaquin	Obesity Prevention & Nutrition-A school based intervention program designed to promote healthy lifestyles & reduce obesity & its related disorders. Funding includes partial salaries for medical, mental health, and nutrition education staff. The project will focus on serving children of migrant and seasonal workers.	\$92,920	\$139,290	\$232,210
Plan: Inland Empire Health Plan					\$300,000
GA 01	Riverside	Diabetic & Nutrition Education-Reduce the risk of diabetes in children & their parents, including diagnosis & treatment, counseling, case management services and conducting interventions with families at risk for diabetes using promotoras (community health educators).	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$300,000
Plan: Health Net					\$1,074,829
GA 05	Kern	Mental Health-Increase access to mental health services by hiring a 1.0 FTE bilingual LCSW and 1.0 FTE Marriage Family Child Counselor (MFCC).	\$148,835	\$182,754	\$304,589
GA 06	Kings	Chronic Disease Education-Asthma management and treatment program for children in groups & individually. Funding includes salaries for a Respiratory Therapist, two LVNs and an MA.	\$94,840	\$147,758	\$242,598
GA 07	Madera	Chronic Disease Education-Asthma management education for children in a primary care setting. Funding will cover salary for an Asthma Educator and will provide pediatric users with access to asthma education and treatment.	\$93,993	\$137,039	\$231,032
GA 08	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tulare	Diabetic & Nutrition Education-Diabetes management through a multi-disciplinary approach. Funding will cover a part-time Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Endocrinologist and support staff. The care team will provide family education, medication adjustments and assessment.	\$103,510	\$166,100	\$296,610
Plan: Premier Access Dental					\$1,516,695
GA 23	Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou	Increased Dental Access-Funding for a Saturday Dental Clinic and Case Management Program including 1.0 FTE Case Manager/Outreach Worker and partial salaries for a dentist, two DAs and a Dental Hygienist.	\$46,238	\$71,256	\$117,494
SP 05	Sonoma	Mobile Dental-Provide oral health education, preventive and restorative dental care utilizing a mobile dental unit to treat developmentally disabled children & children with other special needs. Funding will cover partial salaries for a Dentist, 2 RDAs, and a Dental Education Promotora.	\$86,580	\$129,870	\$216,450
SP 08	Tulare	Increased Dental Access-Addition of three dental operatories and partial salaries for a Dentist and 2 DAs. Application of sealants and cavity varnishes will be provided during routine child dental visits. The project will also be linked to the <i>First Visit by First Birthday</i> campaign (for Toddlers), to school outreach campaigns, and to the work of local promotoras.	\$52,500	\$97,500	\$150,000

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SP 12	Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino	Ambulatory Surgery Services-Dental treatment under general anesthesia, including very young children, developmentally disabled & those with special needs. Funding will cover partial salaries for a Dentist, Anesthesiologist, and RDA.	\$87,299	\$141,860	\$229,159
SP 14	San Diego	Increased Dental Access-The project will increase access to dental care in rural S. San Diego County with the addition of a full time dentist and DA. The project will also conduct preventive oral hygiene and health education to children 0-19 and their families in the elementary schools and Head Start programs.	\$143,172	\$216,000	\$359,172
SP 20	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne	Ambulatory Surgery Services-Increase dental services via partial funding for a Dentist, Anesthesiologist, support staff and materials to perform dental surgery services under sedation. This is a new surgery center.	\$177,660	\$266,760	\$444,420
Total			\$2,255,687	\$3,577,226	\$5,832,913