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**From:** Gail Bliss <gail3511@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 2:31 PM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Written comments for 10/23/23 meeting

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My name is Gail Bliss. I am a member of the Affordable Housing Action Alliance. Jason Murcko is providing testimony for AHAA. I want to add my comments regarding item 14,

I support tenant education and empowerment. As Jason noted in his comments, young people (and other renters) don't automatically understand landlord tenant law. Facilitating a functioning market where tenants know their rights and responsibilities will improve housing in Madison and Dane County. Assisting tenants to seek solutions to housing issues by effectively engaging with their landlord helps to level the playing field.

I hope that the person in this position would also be able to assist tenants and landlords in following best practices. I know that we probably can't do anything but enforcement with the big companies, but if there are small-time landlords who need education/encouragement to do the right thing that may be a first step, possibly avoiding more adversarial action.

I used to be a small-time landlord (owned 1 duplex 1978-2003) and I was frustrated that people didn't fill out the check in sheet, or call when the roof was leaking.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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**From:** Julie Winkelmann <jlwinkelmann@uwalumni.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 1:46 PM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Agenda item #14. Proposed 2024 amendment #15 (page 3 & page 21) Public Health Nurse (Bilingual) Position for PNCC

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Hello!

I am writing on behalf of the proposed home visiting positions. I am writing as a Dane county resident and a supporter of home visiting and my view is my own but to be transparent I am a nurse home visitor with Public Health Madison Dane County. Nurse home visitation is a critical health equity strategy to improve birth outcomes. 40 years of research has shown that nurse home visitation improves birth outcomes, decreases Medicaid spending, decreases childhood injuries as well as abuse and neglect. With violence prevention being a concern for both Dane County and the City of Madison Nurse Family Partnership is considered an “Effective Violence Prevention Program” according to the US department of Justice. Most notably there is a 61% reduction of arrests in mothers and 59% reduction in arrests of children at age 15. As a home visitor I can share that this does not include the potential benefit improved engagement of fathers of children. They are often active and engaged participants in Nurse Family Partnership. As we are discovering the historical harm inflicted by government in communities of color nurses can often change this narrative through healing relationships and repair. Families who engage in Nurse home visitation are often our most vocal supporters, I often take referrals from families for their friends and relatives. Nurse Family partnership has shown to have a \$2.90 return on investment per dollar spent and on average \$64,000 are saved per family enrolled in Nurse Family Partnership. PNCC is a shorter term program that pairs nurses with pregnant women and also has improved health outcomes for families.

Thank you for considering supporting this important work.

Julie Winkelmann, RN, BSN, IMH-E, IBCLC

**Nurse-Family Partnership**  
**RESEARCH TRIALS AND OUTCOMES**  
 THE GOLD STANDARD OF EVIDENCE

**TRIAL OUTCOMES**

- 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect\*
- 56% reduction in ER visits for accidents and poisonings\*
- 50% reduction in language delays of child age 23 months\*
- 67% less behavioral/intellectual problems at age 6\*
- 32% fewer subsequent pregnancies\*
- 82% increase in months employed\*
- 61% fewer arrests of the mother\*
- 59% reduction in child arrests at age 15\*

**A Cornerstone of Nurse-Family Partnership Model**

Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidence-based community health program that serves first-time mothers who face major barriers to accessing resources and supports needed to achieve the greatest health and wellness outcomes. Built upon the pioneering work of David Olds, Ph.D., Nurse-Family Partnership's model is based on 45 years of evidence from randomized controlled trials (RCTs).

Beginning in the early 1970s, Olds initiated the development of a nurse home visitation program for first-time mothers and their children. Over the next three decades, he and his colleagues continued to test the program in three separate RCTs (see details on next page). The RCTs were designed to study the effects of the Nurse-Family Partnership model on maternal and child health and child development, by comparing the short- and long-term outcomes of mothers and children enrolled in the Nurse-Family Partnership program to those of a control group of mothers and children not participating in the program.

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 IT IS NOT JUST EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE (THAT NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HAS) THAT'S IMPORTANT; IT'S A CERTAIN TYPE OF EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE, NAMED EVIDENCE FROM RANDOM ASSIGNMENT EXPERIMENTS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE GOLD STANDARD OF RESEARCH AND WE HAVE LEARNED OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT ANY OTHER KIND OF STUDY IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE AN INCORRECT ANSWER, SO NOT ONLY IS THERE GOOD EVIDENCE FROM THE STUDY, BUT THE EVIDENCE IS FROM THE VERY BEST KIND OF RESEARCH.

**With evidence**  
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**From:** Kristine Omen-Kaul <kristineomen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Meeting 10/23-support for Agenda #14, Amendment #15

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Hello,

I work for Public Health Madison and Dane County and sending this email on my personal time as a Dane County resident.

I am reaching out about Agenda item #14, the proposed 2024 budget. I support the Nurse Home Visiting Amendment to fund an additional nurse home visitor (Amendment #15).

For nearly a year (since November 2022) we have maintained a long wait list for both our perinatal programs. We no longer have been able to enroll some postpartum referrals and referrals that we receive late in someone's pregnancy due to our limited capacity. We have received 370 referrals in the last 11 months, averaging over 30 referrals a month. Some clients have been waiting for 3 months to be connected with a nurse (in the meantime we provide light case management over the phone).

The covid pandemic has created more complex lasting challenges for pregnant individuals in Dane County. We have seen a large increase of the number of referrals since before the pandemic. We are in dire need of additional staff capacity.

Public Health home visitors are an important part of a family's support network. The short period of a pregnancy is a critical window of time to provide support and impact positive birth outcomes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Kristine Omen-Kaul  
Resident of the Northside of Madison

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**From:** Downie, Sara J <Sara.Downie@accesshealthwi.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:08 PM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Written Comment: City of Madison Finance Committee, 10/23

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To whom it may concern:

**Regarding:** agenda item #14. [Proposed 2024 amendment #15](#) (page 3 & page 21) Public Health Nurse (Bilingual) Position for PNCC

I would like to declare my support of funding to cover an additional perinatal Public Health nurse to help shorten (or hopefully eliminate) the waitlist that they've had for nearly a year. I've been a nurse and nurse manager in OB care at Access Community Health Centers for over 25 years and have seen the positive impact firsthand that Public Health Nurses can have with our perinatal patients. Prenatal Care Coordination is a proven program that provides relatively low cost solutions to health inequities in our communities. These nurses have worked closely with Access clinics over the years to provide comprehensive and coordinated care for many expecting and new mothers that would otherwise not have that support. We know that earlier prenatal care and public health nurse support improve pregnancy outcomes for both the mom and baby, and we cannot afford to have moms on waiting lists for these services.

Sincerely,  
Sara J. Downie

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**From:** Samantha Howk <samantha.howk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Support proposed nurses for home visits

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Hello,

I wholeheartedly support the proposed nurse home visiting amendment P&F-O-01. I am referring to agenda item #14. Proposed 2024 amendment #15 (page 3 & page 21) Public Health Nurse (Bilingual) Position for PNCC.

Thank you,  
Samantha Howk

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**From:** SAMANTHA PRINCE <samantha.prince@fammed.wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 12:54 PM  
**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Support for agenda #14 - Public Health Nurse (Bilingual) Position for PNCC

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Hello -

My name is Samantha Prince - I'm a resident physician at University of Wisconsin and I'm writing in support of the agenda item #14, proposed 2024 amendment #15 Public Health Nurse (Bilingual) Position for PNCC.

If approved, this would greatly help our patient population at the Wingra Clinic.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Dr. Prince

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**From:** Xoliswa Chikaunga <xoliswachikaunga@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Support for The Nurse home visiting ammendment

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Dear finance committee of the city of Madison

I am writing in reference to the 2023 ACT-186 Board of Health Amendments to the Proposed 2024 Operating Budget. The Nurse home visiting ammendment P&F-O-01.

The nurse and family partnership program is a crucial program for the families of Dane County. It has helped many first time families navigate pregnancy,birth and early childhood development through home visits,connection to resources and provision of resources.

I have personally been impacted by the program. The visits of my nurse to my home,saved me from Post partum depression,post partum anxiety by providing a mother,aunt figure and a professional who could identify the signs and act quickly and point me in the right direction to get help. She has become a part of the family and has advocated with medical professionals on my behalf to save my breastfeeding journey and assist with birth weight for my son. I could go on and on. The program has been invaluable to my family.

The program needs more nurses to reach more families. Alot of families have been on the waiting list for almost a year. They need help. May you please provide more nurses so they can get the help they need?

Thank you for this program and helping create healthy families in Dane county.

Yours sincerely,  
Xoliswa Chikaunga.