

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Nurse-Family Partnership

Resolution #2011-16

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a home visitation program that focuses on vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother is partnered with a nurse early in the pregnancy and receives ongoing home nurse visits until the child's second birthday. It is in a first pregnancy that there is the best chance to promote and teach positive health and development behaviors between a mother and her baby. Public Health—Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) has been in conversations with NFP for more than two years.

Although a healthy pregnancy is a vital factor, we know that there is more to maternal child health than pregnancy outcomes. NFP complements our existing PNCC services because it offers clients and nurses the opportunity to work on long-term goals beyond the pregnancy—developing parenting skills, having healthy relationships, and planning their family and work lives. About 55 percent of current PCC clients would be eligible for NFP. We expect that most NFP clients will come from PCC referrals.

A core element of NFP is evaluation. Data on NFP shows conclusively that their interventions are effective—they improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development, and increase economic self-sufficiency. Data is also used to shape the services provided to individual clients.

Most of the personnel resources needed for NFP will be reallocated from PNCC, so no additional staff will be needed. Initially, there will be three nurses assigned to NFP, with one working as the lead worker. By the end of the second year, we expect to have four nurses and one lead worker. Each nurse will have a caseload of 25 clients.

Start-up costs will be about \$45,000, primarily for training and program set up. PHMDC has allocated funds from a vacant position to cover these costs (although there is also some grant writing being done). It is expected that NFP will have about \$50,000 in billings in the first year, about \$15,000 more than would be received if the clients were part of PNCC. In the second year this should double as caseload grows.

This resolution authorizes PHMDC to enter into an agreement with NFP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County authorizes an agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership for three years beginning January 1, 2012 and the Director/Interim Director is authorized to sign the agreement.

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