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Low Income Pool (LIP) Council Meeting December 11, 2006

Summary of all LIP Program Projects

State Fiscal Year 2006-07 LIP Projects

1. **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) - Low Income Pool** funding for expanding access to health care for the uninsured: The FQHC program will continue to expand its services to greater numbers of uninsured via the site expansion, increased hours and additional services in existing locations. We are requesting LIP funding of \$20.7M instead of the current \$8M, as recommended by the house last year. This does not include the existing statutory program of \$7.3M working with DOH. This would bring the total of all LIP funding from the existing \$15.3 to \$28M. These funds will: 1) staff ER diversion programs in partnership with at least 10 hospitals, 2) provide primary care, disease management, pharmacy, and dental services to over 50,000 additional uninsured, 3) extend hours at 20 community health centers, and reduce the inappropriate hospital ER utilization by over \$45M.

2. **Walton County Health Department**

2006-07 LIP funding -- \$200,000.

Expand eligibility for primary care services from 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 140% FPL. Expand breast and cervical cancer screening services.

2007-08 request – ideally \$275,000 to expand eligibility to 160% FPL; at a minimum \$200,000 continuation funding to continue current services. Local match of \$118,717.50 (for \$275,000) or \$86,340 (for \$200,000) would be covered by Walton County.

3. **Okaloosa County Health Department**

2006-07 LIP funding -- \$200,000.

Purchase of confirmatory diagnostic tests for women with abnormal pap smears and breast exams. Okaloosa CHD has found specialists willing to serve uninsured women if diagnostic tests confirm a problem and test results are provided. CHD will also organize a network of volunteer providers along the lines of “We Care” projects to serve women with abnormal pap smears/breast exams and assist women in setting up appointments with appropriate providers.

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2007-08 request – continuation funding of \$200,000. Local match of \$86,340 would be covered by Okaloosa County.

Note: Okaloosa County is also part of the \$14.5 million Department of Health Provider Access System Request. In this request Okaloosa is asking for \$900,000 to establish a free clinic for the low income uninsured with linkages to volunteer specialists. Okaloosa asks that the continuation request and the DOH request be considered separately. Local match of \$388,530 will be covered by Okaloosa County and/or DOH.

4. **St Johns River Rural Health Network (SJRRHN)**

2006-07 LIP funding -- \$1,000,000.

This project primarily provides disease management services for person with ambulatory sensitive conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and congestive heart failure. Also provided are some specialty care, limited prescription medications, dental services and health assessments. This project is specifically designed to reduce ER visits and unnecessary hospitalizations.

2007-08 request – continuation funding of \$1,000,000. SJRRHN also requests that this amount be provided in single lump sum to the SJRRHN rather than \$200,000 directed to five counties. This will permit better alignment between need and funding. Local match of \$431,700 will be covered by county sources and/or DOH.

Note: SJRRHN is also part of the \$14.5 million Department of Health Provider Access System Request. In this request SJRRHN is asking for \$3,000,000 to be split into two appropriations of \$1.5 million each for Baker, Clay, Nassau, and for Alachua, Union, and Bradford. These funds will support and expand the disease management services described above. This request is basically an expansion of the 2006-07 project. If expansion is not possible then SJRRHN desires continuation funding. Local match of \$1,295,100 will be covered by county sources and/or DOH.

5. **Sarasota County Health Department**

2006-07 LIP funding – \$200,000.

Expansion of current services to the uninsured in Sarasota including nurse case management for persons with ambulatory sensitive conditions, pharmacy/medication assistance, additional primary care and dental visits, and laboratory services. The goal is to reduce inappropriate ER use and unnecessary hospitalizations.

2007-08 request – at a minimum continuation funding of \$200,000. However, Sarasota requests major expansion of these efforts via the Department of Health Provider Access System request. Local match of \$86,340 will be covered by Sarasota County.

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Note: Sarasota County is also part of the \$14.5 million Department of Health Provider Access System Request. In this request Sarasota is asking for \$986,525 to significantly expand the provision of primary care, dental care and pharmacy services as well as establish a single referral system for safety net providers and to organize a formal “We Care” network of providers, particularly specialists. Local match of \$425,883 will be covered by Sarasota County and/or DOH.

6. Lee County Health Department

2006-07 LIP funding – \$200,000.

Expansion of primary care services through collaboration with the FQHC in Lee County. Expansion of CHD women’s health services by extending clinic hours into the evenings to better meet the needs of working women.

2007-08 request – continuation funding of \$200,000. These funds will support staff at two new women’s health clinics in currently underserved areas. Lee County is providing the facilities and Lee CHD will provide staff and operating supplies. Local match of \$86,340 will be covered by Lee County and/or DOH.

7. Charlotte County Health Department

2006-07 LIP funding – \$200,000.

Expanded availability of primary and specialty care services for the uninsured in Charlotte County. Strategies include expanding CHD services hours into the evening and weekends.

2007-08 request – at a minimum continuation funding of \$200,000. However, Charlotte requests major expansion of these efforts via the Department of Health Provider Access System request. Local match of \$86,340 will be covered by Charlotte County.

Note: Charlotte County is also part of the \$14.5 million Department of Health Provider Access System Request. In this request Charlotte is asking for \$2,117,000 to establish a three tiered access system. The three tiers are medical phone consultation staffed by nurses to provide health information and direct callers to the most appropriate provider; case management services; and additional access to primary and specialty care services. Evening and weekend clinics will be provided and linkages will be established with hospitals to divert patients from ERs. Local match of \$913,909 will be covered by Charlotte County and/or DOH.

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Source of IGTs

To Be Determined

Provider Types

Community Mental Health Agencies, Hospitals,
Other Health Care Providers

5. **Jackson Hospital:** David Hemple to present a proposal related to the construction of a new hospital in Marianna.