

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-62

RE: C.R. NO. 19-95/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,042
FOR THE FSM MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTHCARE
PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-95, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$128,042 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTHCARE PROGRAM IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS
AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent intend and purpose of this resolution are
expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on September 28, 2015 the
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, the Department of Justice, the Department of Finance
and Administration and the Office of the President.

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The Committee questioned the budget summary as presented for this coming fiscal year as it rests almost exclusively with the National Department of Health and Social Affairs, contrary to the previous commitments to ensure the majority of the funding under these grants go to the State level for use at the program level. The Acting Secretary stated that this particular grant will fund a specialist medical team to work and treat children with heart conditions. This work is separate from the medical teams funded for the Department of Health and Social Affairs in its annual budget. Although that explanation was helpful your Committee requested a detailed budget breakdown, including the number of patients to be served, who will be traveling and the details of the contracts funded by the grant.

Last year 318 children were seen by the medical team (Chuuk 43, Pohnpei 95, Yap 115 and Kosrae 65). This program has been very successful in the past. The activities and cost for the coming year are proposed at much the same as in previous years. The proposed budget for FY16 is as follows: Travel \$44,500 for the doctors to travel from California to all the four States, the Contractual at a very modest \$11,000, which represents a small payment for the doctors, Others at \$72,542 for supplies and per diem for the medical team.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-95, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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