

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

**Community Care Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 10**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement among the City, the Travis County Healthcare District and the University of Texas Medical Branch under which the City will purchase tubal ligation services from the University of Texas Medical Branch for eligible Austin Women's Hospital patients from May 1 through August 31, 2007, using grant funds awarded to the City by the Texas Department of State Health Services, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) operates the Austin Women's Hospital (AWH), located within Brackenridge Hospital, under a lease agreement with the Travis County Healthcare District (District). UTMB provides services at AWH in exchange for payments made by the District pursuant to the lease agreement. Under this three-party agreement, the City would pay for tubal ligations performed for eligible AWH clients from May through August, up to the maximum authorized dollar amount, and the District's obligation to make service payments to UTMB would be off-set by the amount of funds paid to UTMB for these services.

The City of Austin (Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department) entered into a grant agreement, Contract No. 2007-020433, with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$1,162,735 for the 12-month period of September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. Under the agreement between DSHS and the City of Austin, DSHS agrees to purchase and City agrees to provide family planning clinical services for Title XX eligible clients, including bilateral tubal ligation services. The budget related to these services now resides with the Community Care Services Department.

This interlocal agreement will provide reimbursement to UTMB for bilateral tubal ligation services provided at AWH from May 1 through August 31, 2007 for eligible Title XX patients of the Community Health Centers of Austin and Travis County, which are currently managed by the Community Care Services Department (CCSD) on behalf of the District.

It is estimated that 75 tubal ligations will be performed during the term of this agreement. The amount paid to UTMB shall be based on the allowable rate per procedure as determined by the Title XX fee schedule for that period, and shall not exceed \$135,000.