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Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 12

Subject: Approve execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Austin, TX to provide child care quality improvement and training services for an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$160,638 with three 12-month renewal options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$160,638 per renewal option for an estimated total agreement amount not to exceed \$642,552.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$114,442 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department and funding in the amount of \$46,196 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Certification Fund. The initial period of the Agreement is October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Child Care Council.

Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget approval, 9/10/2007

Background: The Interlocal Agreement with Austin Community College (ACC) Child Development Department provides child care quality improvement services and training for child care employees. Two programs will be provided through the Agreement. The Quality Improvement Program (QIP) assists child care providers in improving program quality and moving toward meeting voluntary quality standards as set by the State of Texas and/or the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Teacher/Director TRAC (Training, Retention and Compensation) Program provides scholarships and academic guidance for child care teachers and directors taking college child development courses.

Performance Measures

Related Departmental Goal

Provision: Social Services – promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outputs

Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance

195

Hours of staff training/coaching provided 878

Outcomes

Percentage of early child care programs community-wide that meet quality standards:

16%

Percentage of scholarship recipients completing credit coursework with a “C” grade or better:

75%