

AGENDA



Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 6

Subject: Authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County for the delivery of public health services, including animal control and shelter services, on behalf of Travis County by the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department for the initial term of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$2,633,397 and providing for up to four 12-month renewal terms.

Amount and Source of Funding: First year funding is available from Travis County.

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

For More Information: David Lurie, HHSD Director, 972-5010; Melanie Miller, Chief Administrative Officer, 972-5045; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee. Related to item #7.

The attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for Public Health Services is the result of more than four years work by City and County staff in consolidating a patchwork of interlocal agreements and amendments that were outdated, did not reflect the current services being provided, and did not have reliable cost-sharing methodologies.

The Agreement presented for approval is a model for multi-jurisdictional public health programs and represents a good governmental approach to the provision of services, including assuring service capacity, clarity of expectations, simple and efficient administration, and fair and equitable cost sharing. It minimizes the administrative burden/expenses for both the City and County in an effort to maximize use of resources for direct services to the community.

Travis County will pay City \$2,633,397 for the initial term, in four equal installments. The parties agreed upon a true-up provision to allow a financial reconciliation after the term to address costs that exceed or fall below the budgeted amounts.

Services to be provided by the City on behalf of the County are limited to Public Health and Animal Services as follows:

Public Health Services (See Attachment A: Work Statement)

- Health Authority Support
- Communicable Disease Services
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)
 - Tuberculosis (TB)
 - HIV Prevention
- Surveillance Program
- Epidemiology
- Immunization
- Health Promotion/Education

- Chronic Disease
- Sexuality Education and Skills Development Activities
- Bureau of Vital Records
- Environmental & Consumer Health
 - Consumer and Community Health
 - Food Permitting
 - Services of Information and Referral
- Rodent & Vector Control (R&V)
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Mobile Health Van Services

Animal Services (See Attachment B: Work Statement)

- Animal Control
- Shelter Services
- Prevention Services (education/outreach, spay/neuter, rabies vaccination)
- Wildlife Management Control Program

The City and County will continue to coordinate planning efforts but will separately manage their social service contracts. Therefore, human services-related contracting/monitoring of social service agencies is not included as part of the interlocal agreement.

The Agreement was approved by the Travis County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. General Terms and Financial Terms for the agreement are included on the Attachment entitled "Terms of the Agreement."