

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

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

Item No. 26

Subject: Approve execution of a 12-month amendment to and extension of the Interlocal Agreement between the City and AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, Austin, TX for provision of mental health and mental retardation services from January 1-December 31, 2008, in the total not-to-exceed amount \$1,624,310, with one remaining 12-month extension option in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,624,310.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,218,233 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. The contract period will be January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Funding for the balance of the agreement and the remaining extension option is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Stephanie Hayden, HHSD Manager, 972-5017; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 973-5023.

Prior Council Action: April 20, 2006, Council approved interlocal agreement for 8-month term, May 1-December 31, 2006. December 14, 2006, Council approved execution of first extension option for 12-month term January 1-December 31, 2007. September 10, 2007, Council approved Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND

Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation (ATCMHMR) is the State-designated Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority for Travis County and the incorporated municipalities therein. On April 20, 2006, the Council approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with ATCMHMR for provision of mental health and mental retardation services with three (3) extension options for a total of four years. The City's funding enables ATCMHMR to leverage state, federal, and other sources of funds for the provision of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services to indigent residents of the Austin/Travis County. The contract amount of \$1,624,310 for calendar year 2008 includes a \$54,928 increase, which results from the 3.5 percent social services contract increase approved by City Council during the FY2008 budget process.

Under this Interlocal, ATCMHMR will:

- Maintain and expand automation of information systems
- Maintain and enhance processes required for the following activities:
 - Policy Development, Deployment, and Management of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability provider networks
 - Community-wide planning initiatives, including Center developed documents and efforts generated by various pertinent community collaborations.
 - Resource development and allocation and administration support services.
 - Provider and Consumer relations and Rights Protection
 - Quality and Utilization Management

Provide Prevention, Education & Awareness Opportunities:

ATCMHMR will support the New Milestones Foundation in its mission of “eradicating stigma” through community forums, a film festival and other prevention, education and awareness activities.

ATCMHMR will provide the primary support to the Mayor’s Mental Health Task Force Monitoring Committee (MMHTFMC) in their effort to achieve established goals.

- System Mapping to provide a clear picture of strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in existing mental health services and help influence policy decisions about effective and cost-efficient resource development and allocation over the coming year.
- Development of a comprehensive housing plan delineating the needs of people with mental illness and the possible financing strategies to meet these needs.
- Collaborate with suicide intervention stakeholders to pursue grant opportunities to establish structured community prevention programs.
- Address cultural competence and stigma elimination through the development and support of specialized training opportunities, and improved media community education plans.

Community Planning

ATCMHMR will continue to utilize authority functions as the planning lead for Behavioral and Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability in Austin/Travis County.

- Coordinate the mental health community crisis response to disasters with HHSD.
- Develop and maintain Business Continuity Plan
- Produce annual compilation of available community planning efforts.
- Participate and maintain leadership role in supporting the Community Action Network (C.A.N.) Planning Partnerships (Adult Mental Health Issue Area Group, Substance Abuse Planning Partnership, Child and Youth, Mental Health Planning Partnership, and the Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Planning Partnership).
- Develop data driven collaborative systems to improve access to safe, affordable, accessible and integrated housing.