

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of a contract amendment with the AUSTIN CHILDREN'S SHELTER, Austin, TX to increase the funding by \$100,000 for additional child protection and shelter services, from January 1-December 31, 2008, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$197,938. Three 12-month extension options remain, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$97,938 for each extension option.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$148,454 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The term of the contract period is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Funding for the extension options is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

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

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Prior Council Action: November 18, 2004 Council approved the original 12-month contract with six extension options. September 12, 2006 Council approved 3.5 percent increases to social services contracts. December 14, 2006 Council approved increases to social services contracts with four remaining extension options. September 10, 2007, Council approved the 2007-2008 Operating Budget including a designation of \$100,000 for the Austin Children's Shelter and 3.5 percent increases for social services contracts. December 13, 2007, Council approved increases to social services contracts with three remaining extension options.

The Austin Children's Shelter (ACS) provides emergency shelter, assessment and counseling services for children ages 0 to 18 who are involved in the child protection system. The City funds a portion of ACS' services through a social services contract. The City Council approved an additional \$100,000 to ACS in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. If approved, this action authorizes amendment of the calendar year 2008 ACS social services contract to include the one time \$100,000 increase and provides for additional services to be provided by ACS.

Estimated Contract Performance Measures and total funding for the calendar year 2008 and extension options are attached.