

AGENDA



Thursday, March 20, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize execution of 12-month extension contracts, to be effective March 1, 2008, for HIV-related services with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$225,705; AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$51,858; THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$118,611; PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$84,878.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$280,614 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The term of each contract is for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. Funding for the final months of each contract, or for any 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: Council approved execution of 12-month contracts for HIV-related services with two 12-month extension options on February 28, 2004. Council authorized execution of the HIV-related services contracts for an additional 12-month period on April 5, 2007. Council approved Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget, September 10, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The City of Austin through the Health and Human Services Department funds a broad array of health and social services for eligible individuals with HIV/AIDS, in order to maintain or improve overall health, safety, and quality of life. The City continues to provide local funding for HIV services as part of the Maintenance of Effort requirement of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, Part A. The City General fund support for these contracts helps secure approximately \$3.6 million in annual funding under Part A of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Act.

Because of delayed reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act and the impact of new provisions on funding of HIV services, the release of an RFA for City-funded HIV/AIDS services has been postponed. Taking into consideration changes in the Federal legislation, the City of Austin, Travis County, and the Travis County Healthcare District are currently collaborating on a comprehensive plan and strategy for future investment in the continuum of HIV services, including prevention, support services, and treatment. This will enable the HHSD to identify HIV/AIDS service gaps, prioritize service needs, and, in collaboration with Travis County and the Healthcare District, make informed decisions on how to best invest City, County and Healthcare District dollars to achieve desired outcomes. Based on the results of the HIV comprehensive plan, an RFA will be released in late 2008 that will result in new contracts beginning on March 1, 2009.

In order to maintain HIV services for individuals affected by HIV during the completion of this comprehensive planning process, it is necessary to extend current contracts for an additional 12 month period from March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. Current HIV social services contracts will be extended with Fiscal Year 2008 funds as follows:

AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. (ASA)for Case Management services -- \$225,705
Austin Travis County MHMR for Case Management services -- \$ 51,858
Project Transitions, Inc. for Residential Hospice services -- \$ 84,878
The Wright House Wellness Center for Food Bank services, Nutritional Counseling, Alternative Health,
and Evidence- Based Prevention Intervention -- \$118,611
GRAND TOTAL FUNDING \$481,052

The above contract amounts include a 3.5 percent increase approved by City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget. Performance measures are adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of providing services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN:

Approximately 23 eligible new clients and 115 continuing clients will receive approximately 9,418 units of Case Management Services. One unit=one 15 minute contact with a client or on behalf of a client.

ATC MHMR:

Approximately 17 eligible unduplicated clients will receive approximately 2,280 units of Case Management Services. One unit= one 15 minute contact with a client or on behalf of a client.

PROJECT TRANSITIONS:

Approximately 13 eligible unduplicated clients will receive approximately 298 bed-days of hospice/palliative care services. One unit = one bed-day.

THE WRIGHT HOUSE:

Approximately 10 new eligible unduplicated clients and 43 continuing clients will receive approximately 630 units of Food Bank. One unit= one visit.

Approximately 35 eligible unduplicated clients will receive approximately 70 units of Nutritional Counseling. One unit= one visit.

Approximately 100 eligible unduplicated clients will receive approximately 433 units of Alternative Health. One unit= one visit.

90% of clients completing the prevention intervention will demonstrate increased knowledge in the prevention of HIV transmission.