

AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Community Care Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and, upon City's receipt of grant funds, execution of an Interlocal Agreement among the City, the Travis County Healthcare District and the University of Texas Medical Branch under which the City will purchase tubal ligation services from the University of Texas Medical Branch for eligible Austin Women's Hospital patients from September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009, using grant funds awarded to the City by the Texas Department of State Health Services, in an amount not to exceed \$276,408.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$46,068 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department. Funding for the remaining five months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Phil DeFalco, Financial Manager, Community Care Services Department/972-4022

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) operates the Austin Women's Hospital (AWH), located within Brackenridge Hospital, under a lease agreement with the Travis County Healthcare District (District). UTMB provides services at AWH in exchange for payments made by the District pursuant to the lease agreement. Under this three-party agreement, the City would reimburse UTMB for tubal ligations performed for eligible AWH clients from September 2008 through February 2009, up to the maximum authorized dollar amount, and the District's obligation to make service payments to UTMB would be offset by the amount of funds paid by City to UTMB for these services.

The City of Austin (Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department) plans to enter into a grant agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$1,162,735 for the 12-month period of September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009 (the first six months of this period correspond to the term of the interlocal agreement described herein). Under the agreement between DSHS and the City of Austin, DSHS will agree to purchase and City will agree to provide family planning clinical services for Title XX eligible clients, including bilateral tubal ligation services. The budget related to these services now resides with the Community Care Services Department.

This interlocal agreement will provide reimbursement to UTMB for bilateral tubal ligation services provided at AWH from September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 for eligible Title XX patients of the Community Health Centers of Austin and Travis County. The clinics are currently managed by the Community Care Services Department (CCSD) on behalf of the District, pursuant to a City-District interlocal, and this arrangement is expected to terminate in late February 2009.

It is estimated that approximately 154 tubal ligations will be performed during the period of September 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009. The amount paid to UTMB shall be based on the allowable rate per procedure as determined by the Title XX fee schedule for that period, and shall not exceed \$276,408.