Thursday, September 25, 2008

Community Court RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Austin/Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center to amend the performance measures and to extend the contract for an additional 12 month period for the provision of treatment services for certain Class B enhanced public intoxication offenders known as Project Recovery in an amount not to exceed \$423,040.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$423,040 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for this program for Community Court.

Fiscal Note: None required.

For More Information: Greg Toomey, Court Administrator, 974-2626

Prior Council Action: The original Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was approved on June 2, 2006; Amendment No. 1 was approved on November 8, 2007; Amendment No. 2 was approved on January 31, 2008; and Amendment No. 3 was approved on March 27, 2008.

This amendment extends the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a 12 month period beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009. This amendment also amends the performance measures.

Project Recovery is a 90-day residential treatment facility for mental health and treatment administered by MHMR with oversight by the Downtown Austin Community Court. The program opened its doors in August 2006 and began in cooperation with the Travis County Attorney, County Court at Law Judges, MHMR, Travis County and the Community Court. The program offers certain criminal justice offenders substance abuse and mental health services as an alternative to jail.