

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 2, 2008

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District for the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department to provide certain health screenings and health education to students at LBJ High School for a term of nine months beginning October 1, 2008.

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

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**BACKGROUND**

The City Health and Human Services Department's (HHSD) Community Health Initiative Unit offers several programs designed to conduct prevention and screening services to underserved populations and/or underserved areas (zip codes) of the City of Austin. In two of the programs, the African American Quality of Life and Health Connection programs, nurses and support staff work from mobile vans to conduct basic health screenings and provide, at no charge, prevention education in underserved areas.

The agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) is a response to the need to pilot a program offering access to basic screening and prevention education to school students. The staff will provide services at LBJ High School twice a month on alternating Wednesdays. No new staff is required to meet terms of the interlocal.

The project will raise awareness of chronic illnesses, prevention techniques and provide certain health basic screenings to students. Students who are under the age of 18 will be required to provide a consent form signed by a parent, and AISD is responsible for coordinating the consents and notifying students and their parents of the services.

**PERFORMANCE**

Related Department Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.

During the first term, the objectives of the project are to: (1) Raise awareness of health status of at least 90% of youth receiving services; (2) Provide blood pressure screening to 250 students; and (3) Provide blood sugar screenings to 250 students.