

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 24

Subject: Approve execution of Amendment No. 5 to the Interlocal Agreement among the CITY, AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, and TRAVIS COUNTY for substance abuse treatment and related behavioral healthcare services, to increase the amount funded by Travis County by \$130,305 for a total annual amount not to exceed \$1,973,462, for a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2008.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$470,282 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD); \$232,500 is included from Community Court. Funding in the amount of \$156,761 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the HHSD; \$77,500 is included from Community Court. Travis County will provide a total of \$1,036,419 (\$611,799 General Fund and \$424,620 Grant Funds).

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

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Prior Council Action: Approval of Amendment No. 4, March 20, 2008; Council approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation (ATCMHMR) Managed Services Organization (MSO) Program is designated to provide substance abuse treatment services for the community and create a working partnership among the City of Austin, Travis County, and the ATCMHMR for substance abuse treatment services. The Interlocal Agreement is being renewed and amended for 2008. Travis County's total funding is being increased by \$130,305 in the current budget and will be available for referrals from the Parents in Recovery Program grant.

A substance abuse treatment network managed by an administrative entity (MSO) has been utilized since 1999. Under the Interlocal, ATCMHMR provides specified MSO functions for the service network. The MSO functions include credentialing; single point of entry functions; utilization management; quality management; management information systems; financial management; administration/contract management; network development and management; and on-site provision of technical assistance to network providers.

Substance abuse treatment services under the Interlocal Agreement include the following continuum of services: comprehensive clinical assessment; intervention services; residential treatment; day treatment, and outpatient and continuing care services. Additionally, clients are linked or referred to case management and other support services as part of the treatment process. Services are provided to eligible clients according to specific eligibility criteria that include: (a) household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; (b) no other third party payer available/applicable; (c) residence in City and/or Travis County, and (d) meeting the target population requirements, which are homeless adults, adults referred by Community Court, high-risk women, or high-risk youth. The MSO will also continue to

develop the service network as necessary for the provision of all required services with attention to service capacity and appropriate access for consumers.

The Travis County Parenting in Recovery grant funds are used to serve mothers and children who are involved in the child welfare system as a result of parental substance dependency. These clients have expedited access Level II residential services with Specialized Female Services (residential treatment services for women and their dependent children) as defined and licensed by DSHS. Additional levels of treatment service may be authorized by Travis County as appropriate.

Services provided under this Interlocal Agreement and performance measures are detailed on Attachment A.