

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a Renewal to and Amendment of the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County to provide public health services to Travis County for a nine-month period beginning on January 1, 2009, in exchange for payment of \$2,177,002.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$2,967,883 was included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget of the Health and Human Services Department General Fund. The first renewal term of the agreement is for the period January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee, December 16, 2008.

Prior Council Action: Council approved the initial term of the interlocal agreement, October 18, 2007; Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008; Approved 3-month extension of initial agreement, October 2, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The City Health and Human Services Department has provided public health services to Travis County through various agreements since 1985. After several years of work by City and County staff to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments, the Travis County Commissioners Court and Austin City Council approved the current interlocal agreement on September 27, 2007 and October 18, 2007, respectively. The original term was for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and provided for up to four 12-month renewal terms. On October 2, 2008, the City Council approved a three-month extension of the interlocal agreement, and the extension terminates on December 31, 2008.

Based upon the cost model approved for the Fiscal Year 2008 term, Travis County will pay \$334,486 in Fiscal Year 2009 than the Fiscal Year 2008 amount. Approval of this renewal and amendment will allow the City to continue to provide public health services to Travis County through September 31, 2009, in exchange for payment of \$2,177,022.

Except for compensation, the Agreement's terms are not changed. There are no anticipated changes in services to be provided by the City on behalf of the County and any slight performance differences were provided with the proposed cost model and performance document presented to Travis County in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2009 budget process.

The City Manager and Travis County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe have agreed to discuss and negotiate regarding the administrative costs that should be recommended to City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court, respectively, in 2010 renewals of the public health services, emergency medical services, and central booking interlocal agreements.