

AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 22

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment Number Six to the Interlocal Agreement among the City, Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, and Travis County for substance abuse treatment and related behavioral healthcare services, to renew the contract for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2009, and to increase City funding by \$21,947, for a total annual amount not to exceed \$1,776,904.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$486,743 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department; \$232,500 is included from Community Court. Travis County will provide a total of \$817,914 (\$611,799 General Fund and \$206,115 Grant Funds). Funding for the balance of the agreement is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

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

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Prior Council Action: Approved Amendment No. 5 County 2008 increase December 18, 2008. Approved Amendment No. 4, March 20, 2008. Council approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

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 between the City of Austin, Travis County, and the Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center for substance abuse treatment services. The Interlocal Agreement is being renewed and amended for 2009. The \$21,947 increase represents the 3.5 percent social services contract increase approved by City Council during the FY2009 budget process. Travis County total funding decreased by \$88,200 in the current budget available for referrals from the Parents in Recovery Program grant. We anticipate this amount may increase during the year based on potential grant increase. Performance will be adjusted accordingly.

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 of

Austin and/or Travis County; (d) meets target population criteria, which are homeless adults, adults referred by Community Court, high-risk women, 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.

No changes in types of services to be delivered or performance levels are anticipated due to the 3.5 percent increase in City funding for the 2009 contract year.