



# Travis County Healthcare District Transition

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## Austin City Council

### April 2, 2009

Assistant City Manager

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# History

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- The Travis County Healthcare District (TCHD) was established in 2004
- The District is funded primarily through property tax dollars collected in Travis County
- The City continued clinic operations pending approval of Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) transfer



## Completed Actions

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- District received FQHC provider designation
  - Federal grant transferred from City to District on 2/28/09
- Required real estate transfers from City to District approved by Council 2/26/09
- City's Community Care Services Department employees transitioned to District effective 3/1/09
- Records agreement approved by Council on 3/5/09
  - District approved on 3/26/09



## Related Actions

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- Council set goal for proportionate retirement for all transferred employees
  - COA employees would work for either District or related 501(c) 3 Nonprofit
  - COA ERS stated it would not recognize proportionate retirement for employees working for 501(c) 3 Nonprofit
    - Need determinations from IRS and DOL
    - ERS stated that those working for District would have proportionate retirement
  - All affected employees now work for District until 501(c) 3 Nonprofit gains appropriate governmental determinations



## Remaining Action Items

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- Five Council Action Items for April 23, 2009
  - Post-Transition Interlocal Agreement
  - EMS Interlocal Agreement for services to District's Medical Assistance Program (MAP) clients
  - Ryan White HIV Grants Funds (two items) for David Powell Clinic
  - Remove Federally Qualified Health Center Board from City Code



## Post Transition Services

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- District will reimburse City for negative balance resulting from difference between funding provided and costs incurred as of February 28, 2009
  - Conversely, City will transfer positive balance
- City's fund transfer obligations:
  - \$900K positive balance of FY 2007-08 operations
  - 80% of remaining CCS CIP funds
    - Approximately \$2 million
    - Remaining 20% in January 2010



## Post Transition Services

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- Formalizes District and City agreement regarding former CCS employee City-leave time
- Telecommunications and network separation
- District will prepare Medicare/Medicaid cost and grant reports on City's behalf, subject to City approval
- District will purchase two vehicles from City





## EMS Fee Agreement

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- City and District agreed to capitated fee arrangement for EMS services
  - \$350,000 for 12 month term beginning 3/1/09
- Fee agreement based on historic utilization
- District and City to meet during initial term of the agreement to review service utilization by MAP clients
  - COA and TCHD will evaluate data no later than 90 days prior to expiration of initial term
  - District to implement utilization management process





## **Ryan White HIV Grant Funds**

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- **HHS is administrative and fiscal agent for Ryan White Grant**
- **City will award grant funds to CommUnityCare (Central Texas Community Health Centers, Inc.)**



## Next Steps

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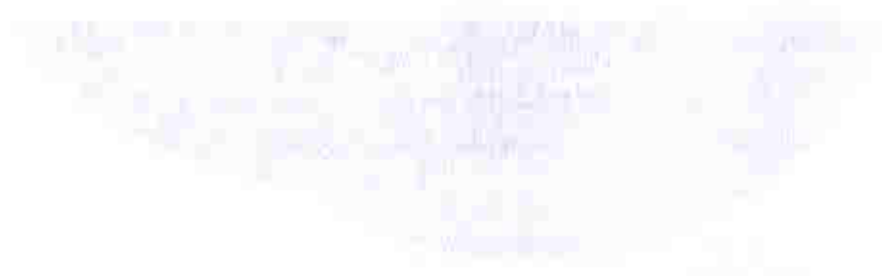
- April 21<sup>st</sup>- Public Health and Human Services Committee
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>- City Council



# Conclusion

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