

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 23, 2009

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

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE for child care quality improvement and training services to increase the contract amount for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 by \$4,146, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$172,079, with two remaining 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$172,079 for each renewal term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$684,170.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$4,146 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The period of the amended Agreement is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Funding for the extension options is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director Human Services Division, 972-5011; Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, 972-5028; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Initial Interlocal Agreement approved, September 27, 2007. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget approved, September 8, 2008.

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**BACKGROUND**

City Council included a 3.5% cost-of-living increase for social service contractors in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget. This amendment adds the 3.5% increase (\$4,146) to the existing Agreement. The City funds this agreement with Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Sustainability funds and Special Certification Funds. The 3.5% increase is calculated only on the amount of Sustainability Funds (\$118,447), not the Special Certification Fund amount (\$49,486).

The agreement with Austin Community College (ACC) Child Development Department provides child care quality improvement services and training for child care employees. Two programs are provided through the agreement. The Accreditation Program assists child care providers in improving program quality and moving toward meeting voluntary quality standards as set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and includes onsite mentoring and training. The Teacher/Director TRAC (Training, Retention and Compensation) Program provides scholarships and academic guidance for child care teachers and directors taking college child development courses. Both ACC programs target providers that serve a high percentage of low-income families, and they work in coordination with FamilyConnections and Workforce Solutions, the other City child care quality improvement contractors.

HHSD does not anticipate any changes in the types of services to be delivered or performance levels due to the increase in City funding.