

AGENDA



Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 42

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a renewal and amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Travis County for public health services to provide public health services to Travis County for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2009, in exchange for payment of \$2,888,537 by Travis County.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$2,888,537 was included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget of the Health and Human Services Department General Fund. The 2010 Renewal Term of the agreement is for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

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

For More Information: David Lurie, Director, 972-5010; Melanie Miller, Chief Administrative Officer. 972-5045; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee.

Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget, September 14, 2009.

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, terminating on December 31, 2008, and on December 18, 2008, City Council authorized a nine-month renewal and amendment for the period January 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009. This Renewal to and Amendment of the agreement is for the 2010 Renewal Term of October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010.

Based upon the cost model approved for the Fiscal Year 2009 term, Travis County will pay \$79,346 less in Fiscal Year 2010 than the Fiscal Year 2009 amount. This reduction results from overall budget reductions and changes to the administrative cost calculation. Approval of this renewal and amendment will allow the City to continue to provide public health services to Travis County through September 30, 2010, in exchange for payment of \$2,888,537.

In December of 2008, the City Manager and County Judge agreed to direct staff meet to review the inclusion of administrative costs in the three primary interlocal agreements between the City and Travis County – Public Health, EMS and Central Booking. The Fiscal Year 2010 agreement for public health includes a change to how administrative costs will be determined based on the agreement reached in those meetings. A flat percentage (6.5%) of direct cost has been included for administrative cost. 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 to Travis County in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget process.