

AGENDA



Thursday, October 22, 2009

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the Interlocal Agreement among the CITY OF AUSTIN, AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, Austin, TX, and TRAVIS COUNTY to increase Travis County's funding by \$157,940 for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Travis County Parenting Recovery grant. These funds are paid directly to Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center by Travis County. City funding is not impacted.

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

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Prior Council Action: August 10, 2006, Council approved a 12-month Interlocal Agreement through December 2006, with three 12-month renewal options. Amendments 1-3 were administratively approved. On September 10, 2007, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, including a 3.5 percent increase for Social Services contracts. On March 20, 2008, Council approved Amendment No. 4. On December 18, 2008, Council approved Amendment No. 5 to increase the amount funded by Travis County. January 15 2009, Council approved Amendment No. 6 which renewed the contract for a one-year term and increased the City funding by 3.5 percent.

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 among 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 amended for 2009. Travis County's total funding being increased by \$157,940 from the Parenting Recovery Program grant.

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.

The Travis County Parenting in Recovery grant funds are used to serve mothers and children who are involved in the child welfare system as a result of parental substance dependency. These clients have expedited access Level II residential services with Specialized Female Services (residential treatment services for women and their dependent children) as defined and licensed by Texas Department of State Health Services. Additional levels of treatment service may be authorized by Travis County as appropriate.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There will be an increase in the output measure goal for the number of unduplicated clients to be served from 816 to 827. No other changes to performance are expected.