

AGENDA



Thursday, December 10, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 19

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the contract with SICKLE CELL ANEMIA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN – MARC THOMAS CHAPTER, for services to clients with sickle cell disease, their families and at-risk populations for a nine-month term beginning on January 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$80,342, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$403,465.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$80,342 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

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

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Prior Council Action: Original contract for one year with three renewal options approved by Council, January 25, 2007. Council approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget, September 14, 2009.

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has contracted with the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Austin (SCAAA) - Marc Thomas Chapter since calendar year 2003 to serve clients with the sickle cell disease and their families as well as targeted at-risk populations. Council approved an additional \$50,000 in the Fiscal Year 2007 Operating Budget for a total contract amount of \$100,000 per year and 3.5 percent increases in 2008 and 2009, resulting in an annual amount of \$107,123.

This action requests approval of the third and final renewal option available on the contract originally approved by Council on January 25, 2007. for \$100,000 per year for a maximum contract amount of \$400,000. The RCA amends the contract to a nine-month period. The \$80,342 extension amount is 75 percent of \$107,123. The performance measures reflect nine months of funding. SCAAA program staff provides services in three major areas:

Client Services: sickle cell interventions such as medical referrals, case management, and working with other agencies that provide services to the sickle cell clients, advocacy, support, outreach, education and assistance to all persons and their families devastated by sickle cell disease. In addition, program staff conducts in-home and hospital visits to better address clients' needs.

Education: conduct educational sessions to both affected individuals and their families and various organizations that provide services to the sickle cell clients, and conduct and attend health fairs to target at-risk populations in an effort to Increase knowledge and raise awareness about sickle cell disease

Outreach: collaborates with various agencies such as Seton Family of Hospitals, Children's Hospital, The Children's Haven of Austin, The Blood and Tissue Center, Huston Tillotson University, Austin Community College, churches, schools, neighborhood centers, Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of State Health Services, and other agencies and community groups to ensure maximum support for clients and their families. These and other community partners are encouraged to modify their services and volunteer resources to better address sickle cell clients' needs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The contract supports HHSD's goal of promoting and fostering increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted population

Outputs

Number of clients with sickle cell disease who were provided with educational sessions: 47
Number of clients affected by sickle cell disease (significant others, families. etc.) who were provided with educational sessions: 45
Number of clients at risk (general population) who were provided with educational sessions: 1,125
Number of health care professionals provided with educational sessions: 150
Number of children and young adults participating in the summer sickle cell camp: 15
Number of informational health fairs participated within the community: 17

Outcomes

Percent of clients with sickle cell disease provided with educational sessions resulting in increased knowledge of sickle cell disease and /or better managed care: 70%
Percent of clients affected by sickle cell disease (significant others, families. etc.) who were provided with educational sessions resulting in increased knowledge of sickle cell disease and /or better managed care: 70%
Percent of clients affected by sickle cell disease (general population) who were provided with educational sessions resulting in increased knowledge of sickle cell disease and /or better managed care: 70%
Percent of health care professionals better equipped to handle sickle cell patient needs and question regarding patients' health: 70%