

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 14, 2010

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

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**Subject:** Approve negotiation and execution of a social services Interlocal Agreement with AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER to provide mental health support funding for a nine-month term beginning January 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$1,260,871, with an option to renew for one 12-month term beginning October 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$1,681,161, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,942,032.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the agreement renewal option is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

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

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**Prior Council Action:** September 14, 2009 - Approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget.

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The City has a long history of contracting with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center (ATCMHMR), the State-designated Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority for Travis County, to provide a wide range of youth development, educational and behavioral health services to the community. Council approved this interlocal agreement between the City and this public entity for the Calendar Year (CY) 2009. The agreements has been reviewed and negotiated. The staff continues to use a three-step process in the review of agencies and their agreements, including ongoing analysis of performance measures, administrative and financial reviews, and utilization of other assessment documents and site visits to improve the effectiveness of contracted services. Agencies are encouraged to incorporate best practices where possible.

In 2010, the agreement will be transitioned from a CY contract to a City Fiscal Year (FY) contract. The initial term will be for nine months to begin on January 1, 2010. The interlocal will have one option to renew for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2010.

**RATIONALE**

By moving to a fiscal year agreement, the agreement will be aligned to the City Business Plan and Performance Measure Reporting system. Calendar year contract performance information is difficult to align with the City's fiscal year Business Plan.

Financial reporting and contract management processes are streamlined. The Health and Human Services Department staff will plan for short- and long-term social services strategies.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City continue to purchase these services from ATCMHMR in 2010. The City's funding enables ATCMHMR to leverage state, federal, and other sources of funds for the provision of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services to indigent residents of Austin/Travis County. The Interlocal Agreement also helps provide Mental Health Disaster

Preparedness; Prevention, Education & Awareness Opportunities; Community Planning; and Maintenance of Infrastructure.

Services provided under this agreement and performance measures are detailed on Attachment A.