Thursday, January 14, 2010

## Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the CITY OF AUSTIN, AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, and TRAVIS COUNTY for substance abuse treatment and related behavioral healthcare services for a nine- month term beginning January 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$719,243, with an option to renew for one 12-month term beginning October 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$958,990, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,678,233.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$486,743 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$232,500 is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Community Court. 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.

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.

A substance abuse treatment network managed by an administrative entity (MSO) has been utilized since 1999. Under the agreement, 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.

Substance abuse treatment services include the following continuum of services: comprehensive clinical assessment, intervention services, residential treatment, day treatment, and outpatient and continuing care services. Additionally, clients are linked or referred to case management and other support services as part of the treatment process. Services are provided to eligible clients according to specific eligibility criteria that include: (a) household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; (b) no other third-party payer available/applicable; (c) residence in City of Austin and/or Travis County; (d) meets target population criteria, which are homeless adults, adults referred by Community Court, high-risk women, and high-risk youth. The MSO will also continue to develop the service network as necessary for the provision of all required services with attention to service capacity and appropriate access for consumers.

The Travis County Parenting in Recovery grant funds are used to serve mothers and child(ren) 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 the Texas Department of State Health Services. Additional levels of treatment service may be authorized by Travis County as appropriate. This grant is a five-year grant.

Attachment A provides the Performance Measures for the nine-month term.