

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Management Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to implement the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee of the City, Travis County and AISD, regarding developing policies supportive of families and children, and neighborhoods and schools in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 over the next three years.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Humans Services Department. Funding for subsequent years is subject to future budget approvals.

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

**For More Information:** Bert Lumbreras, 974-7717; Jason Garza, 974-3063

**Prior Council Action:** February 26, 2009 - Council passed a resolution adopting a joint resolution that authorizes the Joint Committees of the Austin Independent School District, Travis County, and the City to develop policies and recommendations that are supportive of families and children; and neighborhoods and schools.

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In January of 2009, the Joint Subcommittee of the City, the Austin Independent School District (AISD) and Travis County (County) were presented recommendations and reports from the Families with Children Task Force, the Housing Works for Schools Summit and AISD's Communities in School Task Force.

In February of 2009, Council passed a resolution adopting a joint resolution that authorized the Joint Committees of AISD, the County and City to develop policies and recommendations supportive of families and children; and neighborhoods and schools. Subsequently through this initiative, the Joint Subcommittee developed a resolution calling for a partnership between the three entities to develop a strategic work plan to address the following priorities: Truancy Plus, Student Mobility, and Educational Impact Assessment Tool.

The resolution was approved by each entity's governing body to move forward with the development of the strategic plan.

Staff, through direction of the Joint Subcommittee and their respective governmental bodies, developed the following set of recommendations:

- Each entity's governing body approve a resolution authorizing staff to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with each entity to implement the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee. The amount required from each entity in the agreement would be \$40,000 over the next three years.
- A Leadership Council be formalized and chaired by designees of the City, County, and AISD with membership from the City, County, and AISD, post-secondary institutions; the non-profit community; and

for community members active in the area of combating chronic absenteeism, to provide oversight of this initiative.

- A City/County/AISD Youth Council be established and supported by staff and an AISD-managed Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) grant from the federal government.

- A plan be implemented that focuses on strengthening AISD's internal and external structures and programs; clearly identifies where in AISD's internal structures the external community partners are to link to make meaningful differences in individual student's lives; creates separate systems for addressing elementary vs. secondary students' needs; is student driven; and encourages and supports campus-based best practices; a pilot software program be initiated through the Family Resource Centers to address needed infrastructure at a cost of \$45,000 this current fiscal year and \$36,000 annually in the two succeeding years; the supplemental staffing needs of the Family Resource Centers be satisfied through future VISTA and AmeriCorps federal grant funding.

The newly formed Leadership Council create 4 task forces;

A juvenile justice/youth court task force; a workforce development task force; an academic relevance and rigor task force; and a mobility deterrence task force.

That the Leadership Council return to the Joint Subcommittees at its next meeting to provide an update on this initiative.