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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10745	Agenda Number	21.
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Meeting Date:	11/10/2011	Department:	Municipal Court
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Subject

Approve a resolution adopting ethical and training standards for juvenile case managers employed by the City of Austin's Municipal Court, providing for implementation of the standards, and providing for periodic review to ensure implementation of the standards.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Rebecca Stark, Clerk of the Municipal Court, 974-4692
Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Judicial Committee. Recommended for approval by the Judicial Committee.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The 82nd Texas Legislature recently amended several sections of Article 45.056 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure in favor of further integrating juvenile case managers into the juvenile justice system. One of the amendments to this state law mandates that the governing body of a municipality, employing juvenile case managers at its court, to adopt reasonable rules for juvenile case managers. The rules must address the following: (1) a code of ethics, and for the enforcement of the code of ethics; (2) appropriate pre-service and in-service training standards; and (3) training in various areas specified by the 82nd Texas Legislature. Since the City of Austin employs juvenile case managers at its Court, the City Council must adopt these rules by December 1, 2011 to comply with state law. The Court is thereafter responsible for implementing the rules adopted by the City Council.