

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council In	tem ID 26299	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date: 8/29/2013 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of a contract with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care to provide mental and behavioral health and substance abuse treatment to homeless individuals for a twelve-month term beginning on September 30, 2013 and ending on September 29, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with two one-year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$76,634 is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$173,366 is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 - 1115 Medicaid Waiver Budget. Funding for the balance of the contract is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting
Action:	participation in the federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
For More	Stephanie Hayden, Asst. Director, Community Services, 972-5017; Robert Kingham, Manager,
Information:	972-5026; Alma Ruiz, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
Boards and	
Commission	
Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 25, 2010 Austin City Council passed resolution# 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding permanent supportive housing (PSH), and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years. In October 2012 the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted an application to Central Health for a new PSH project to be included in the Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application.

This Medicaid Waiver project will enhance the City of Austin's existing PSH strategy by providing expanded Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to homeless individuals who have tri-morbid conditions (co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse, and a chronic medical condition) and are frequent users of local emergency departments and emergency medical transport services.

Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care will provide ACT team services to recently housed individuals through leveraged housing funds provided by Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department. Services include case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, individual supportive therapy, and mobile crisis intervention. These services will be provided to chronically homeless individuals that may require services twenty four hours and seven days a week. The goal of this ACT program is for participants to achieve housing stability, connect to a medical home, and ultimately live healthy, happy lives. Other goals include avoiding public emergency system usage, hospital inpatient readmissions, averting involvement in the criminal justice system, promoting wellness and medication adherence, and ultimately, substance abuse recovery.

Performance Measures

Related Goal Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output Measure

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

15

Outcome Measure

Percent of individuals that maintain housing due to essential services.