



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT (Health and Human Services Committee)

Date: April 15, 2015

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item: Consider and develop recommendations on an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the University of Texas at Austin in the amount of \$139,758 to cover the costs of research and evaluation in support of the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative for over a one-year period.

Vote

Approved unanimously 4-0.

Original Sponsors/Department: Sponsor: CM Tovo; Co sponsors: CMs Martinez and Morrison
<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=199467> Current Department : Management Services

Summary of Discussion

Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano presented to the Health and Human Services Committee a proposed Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas to conduct surveys with 2,500 Asian Americans in Austin to explore their health and service needs. Self-identified Asian Americans representing five major ethnic groups (Chinese, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Korean, and Filipino) aged 25-85 are eligible to participate in the survey. Through self-administered or interviewer-assisted surveys, participants will answer questions pertaining to their demographics, physical and mental health, psychosocial and cultural resources, neighborhood social capital, and quality of life. This one-year project will include a series of activities: (1) master questionnaire development, (2) translation, (3) ethnic community assessment, (4) recruitment and survey implementation, (5) data management and analysis, and (6) write-up and presentation. The Committee had few questions and moved to support.

Public Comments

Dr. Richard Yuen and Vince Cobalis signed up in favor of the agreement.

Direction

Motion was made by the Committee, and unanimously passed to approve the funding and send to the full Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

Send to the full Council for consideration on April 23rd, 2015.