

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 59218 Agenda Number 27.

Meeting Date: 6/23/2016 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care to combine two existing contracts that provide services for permanent supportive housing clients.

Amount and Source of Funding

The City Council has approved a combined total of \$3,130,000 in funding for these two contracts. Funding in the amount of \$1,290,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget for these two contracts. Funding for the balance of the contracts is contingent on successful performance and available funding in future 1115 Medicaid Waiver budgets.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is not required.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. On August 29, 2013, following a competitive solicitation process, Council approved a twelve-month agreement with ATCIC beginning September 30, 2013 with two (2) one-year extension options (Contract No. NI130000022). On September 25, 2014, Council approved Amendment No. 1 to increase funding for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. On November 20, 2014, following a competitive solicitation process for expanded services, Council approved a 30-month agreement with ATCIC beginning November 1, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,380,000 (Contract No. NG150000055).
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 25, 2010, City Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to the funding of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for vulnerable populations with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family income, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 PSH units over the next four years. On October 2, 2014, City Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 PSH units, with a minimum of 200 dedicated to 'Housing First' PSH, to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years, and to adopt the updates recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report to the PSH strategy.

Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects enhance the City's existing PSH strategy by providing assertive community treatment services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, and co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse,

and/or chronic medical conditions. The Health and Human Services Commission has approved Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects in two waves. In October 2012, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted an application to the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, for a four-year Medicaid 1115 Waiver project that serves PSH clients, as part of the Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application. In October 2013, HHSD submitted an application for a three-year Medicaid 1115 Waiver expansion project serving additional PSH clients through a similar process with Central Health. In May 2016, the Health and Human Services Commission announced a 15-month extension of all Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects beyond the original end date of September 30, 2016. Amendment No. 1 would combine the two Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects in order to eliminate duplicate reporting requirements and related administrative burdens, and extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2017.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Output: 93 (in combined contracts) unduplicated clients served

Outcome: Percent of individuals receiving specialized interventions who demonstrate improved functional status on the Adults Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA): 20% of individuals in program for at least 12 months.

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