



Item # 4

**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA DATE: 4/6/2006
ITEM NO:**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the Interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR, Austin, TX for mental health counseling and other services in an amount not to exceed \$419,060, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,136,560.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$375,040 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department. Funding for the remaining four months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

Requesting Department: CCSD

For More Information: Roger Stricklin, Contract Administrator, 972-5491

Prior Council Action: On February 28, 2002 Council authorized negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement in the not to exceed amount of \$143,500. On January 30, 2003 Council authorized negotiation and renewal of the 12 month interlocal agreement with three 12-month extension options in the not to exceed amount of \$574,000.00, for a revised total contract amount of not to exceed \$717,500.00.

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language:

MBE/WBE:

The Community Care Services Department (CCSD) was awarded a Public Health Service Section 330(e) New Start grant for the Federally Qualified Health Centers from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of \$307,351 in September 2001. Council approved the RCA for acceptance of this grant on September 27, 2001. On March 21, 2002, Council approved the renewal of the 330(e) grant in the amount of \$617,423.

Counseling for mental health and substance abuse conditions is required under the 330(e) grant award. In support of that requirement, the interlocal agreement as executed in 2002 and renewed in 2003 provided for one FTE Social Work Supervisor and two FTE Clinical Social Workers, mostly funded from the 330(e) grant mentioned above, with the balance covered by a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. The Clinical Social Workers (title later changed to Behavioral Health Counselors) provided counseling at two CCSD clinic sites.

Since the interlocal agreement was executed, the level of services provided with 330(e) grant funding has gradually increased. Two Behavioral Health Counselors (BHCs) were added in Fiscal Year 2003-2004, paid from the previously authorized contract amount. These added positions allowed CCSD to expand counseling services to four clinic sites.

Funding from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health has ceased. CCSD has received a budget enhancement for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (from the Travis County Hospital District) to provide

funding for six BHCs, one Social Work Supervisor, and a partial (0.8 FTE) psychiatrist. The requested Amendment No. 5 will allow CCSD to use this enhancement to provide counseling services at nine (9) clinic sites.

Contract Summary**Description Action Amount**

Original Contract 12-month service agreement with ability to renegotiate \$143,500

Amendment No. 1 Exercised first extension option and added HIPAA Business Associate Agreement \$143,500

Amendment No. 2 Exercised second extension option \$143,500

Amendment No. 3 Exercised third extension option \$143,500

Amendment No. 4 Exercised fourth extension option \$143,500

Proposed Amendment No. 5 Received budget enhancement from Travis County Hospital District to provide 7.8 FTEs. The total revised contract amount will be \$1,136,560