

**Health and Human Services
CITY OF AUSTIN**

AGENDA
DATE: 4/20/2006

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve execution of an 8-month Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the CITY OF AUSTIN and AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, Austin, TX, for provision of mental health and mental retardation planning and prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$1,010,874 with three 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$1,516,311 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$5,559,807.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$631,796 is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the balance of the agreement and renewal options is contingent on available funding in future budgets. The initial agreement period is May 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

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

Requesting Department: HHSD

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Donna Jackson, HHSD Manager, 972-5017; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 973-5023.

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Background

The Interlocal Agreement permits the City to support ATCMHMR prevention/planning functions and leverage local funding with state, federal, and other sources of funds for the provision of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services to indigent residents of the Austin/Travis County community. Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation (“ATCMHMR”) Center is the state-designated Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority for Travis County and the incorporated municipalities therein.

Services Provided by ATCMHMR

Under this Interlocal, ATCMHMR will:

- Maintain and expand automation of information systems
- Maintain and enhance processes required for the following activities:
 - Policy Development, Deployment, and Management of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability provider networks
 - Community-wide planning initiatives, including Center developed documents and efforts generated by various pertinent community collaborations.
 - Resource development and allocation, and administration support services.
 - Provider and Consumer relations and Rights Protection
 - Quality and Utilization Management

Provide Prevention, Education & Awareness Opportunities

ATCMHMR will support the New Milestones Foundation in its mission of “eradicating stigma” through community forums, a film festival and other prevention, education and awareness activities.

ATCMHMR will provide the primary support to the Mayor’s Mental Health Task Force Monitoring Committee (MMHTFMC) in their effort to achieve 2006 goals.

- System Mapping to provide a clear picture of strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in existing mental health services and help influence policy decisions about effective and cost-efficient resource development and allocation over the coming year.
- Development of a comprehensive housing plan delineating the needs of people with mental illness and the possible financing strategies to meet these needs.
- Collaborate with suicide intervention stakeholders to pursue grant opportunities to establish structured community prevention programs.
- Address cultural competence and stigma elimination through the development and support of specialized training opportunities, and improved media community education plans.

Community Planning

ATCMHMR will continue to utilize authority functions as the planning lead for Behavioral and Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability in Austin/ Travis County.

- Produce annual compilation of available community planning efforts.
- Participate and maintain leadership role in supporting the Community Action Network (C.A.N.) Planning Partnerships (Adult Mental Health Issue Area Group, Substance Abuse Planning Partnership, Child and Youth, Mental Health Planning Partnership, and the Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Planning Partnership).
- Develop data driven collaborative systems to improve access to safe, affordable accessible and integrated housing.

Performance Measures

ATCMHMR will present qualitative and narrative reports to the City of Austin HHSD on the following categories in an agreed upon format.

- **Prevention, Education & Awareness Opportunities**
 - The Center will submit bi-annual reports on:
 - The Center's supportive activities related to the Mayor's Mental Health Tasks Force Monitoring Committee (MMHTFMC) and of the New Milestone's Foundation mission "eradicating stigma".
- **Maintenance of Infrastructure**
 - Information Systems/ Processes. The Center will submit an annual report that maps the various systems & the processes each system supports.
- **Community Planning**
 - The Center will present an annual report that represents a compilation of available planning efforts related to Behavioral Health & Mental Retardation/ Developmental Disabilities for the Austin/Travis County Community.
- **Primary Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Annual Report**
 - The Center will present, via it's Board of Trustees, a report to the City Council that includes Fiscal Year Revenue Summary, Snapshot of Center's Operating Environment & Activities, Resource Leverage Data, financial and audit information.

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