

RESOLUTION NO. 20100513-034

WHEREAS, medical research aids in improving prevention and treatment of illness and injury; and

WHEREAS, medical research initiatives help strengthen our community's health care safety net for the under- and un-insured; and

WHEREAS, medical research initiatives are necessary for University Medical Center Brackenridge (UMCB) to maintain its status as a Level I Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, UMBC is currently seeking community consent to participate in ProTECT III and Erythropoietin Research and Experimental Clinical Treatments for Traumatic Brain Injury (ProTECT and Epo), two research studies designed to see if progesterone or erythropoietin, hormones normally found in our bodies, can reduce the amount of brain swelling and/or damage caused from a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); and

WHEREAS, ProTECT is a study of the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials (NETT) Network, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, the NETT Network conducts studies to learn how to improve emergency care for severe injuries and illnesses of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system; and the NETT Network is made up of 17 institutions across the country and their surrounding hospitals. The hospital participating in ProTECT in the Austin area is UMBC; and

WHEREAS, the erythropoietin or Epo study is also funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health and also taking place at UMCB; and

WHEREAS, everyone is at risk for a TBI and patients that have suffered a TBI require immediate treatment and these patients cannot provide informed consent and a next-of-kin is not always available; and

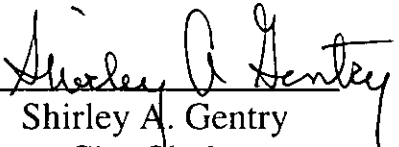
WHEREAS, community consent is part of the process to initiate an experimental study in patients who cannot grant informed consent prior to initiation of treatment; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

On unanimous recommendation of the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee, the Austin City Council, as part of the community consent process, endorses the participation of the University Medical Center Brackenridge in the ProTECT and Erythropoietin Research and Experimental Clinical Treatments for Traumatic Brain Injury for the benefits to the community including: improved

treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury; better equipped and educated emergency medical personnel; and contribution by our medical community to the “best practices” understanding of medicine worldwide.

ADOPTED: May 13, 2010

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk