

AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with SICKLE CELL ANEMIA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN, MARC THOMAS CHAPTER, for the provision of services to clients with sickle cell disease, their families, and at-risk populations, for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$107,123, with three 12-month renewal options, each in an amount not to exceed \$107,123, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$428,492.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$107,123 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.

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

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The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has contracted with the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Austin (SCAAA), Marc Thomas Chapter since calendar year 2003 to serve clients with sickle cell disease and their families as well as targeted at-risk populations.

This action requests approval of the negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract for the 2010-2011 fiscal year between the City and SCAAA to provide SCAAA with up to \$107,123, with three 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$107,123 per renewal option, for a total amount not to exceed \$428,492.

SCAAA program staff provide services in the following three major areas:

Client Services: sickle cell interventions such as medical referrals, case management, and working with other agencies that provide services to the sickle cell clients, advocacy, support, outreach, education and assistance to all persons and their families devastated by sickle cell disease. In addition, program staff conducts in-home and hospital visits to better address clients' needs.

Education: conduct educational sessions to both affected individuals and their families and various organizations that provide services to the sickle cell clients, and conduct and attend health fairs to target at-risk populations in an effort to increase knowledge and raise awareness about sickle cell disease.

Outreach: collaborate with various agencies such as Seton Family of Hospitals, Children's Hospital, The Children's Haven of Austin, The Blood and Tissue Center, Huston Tillotson University, Austin Community College, churches, schools, neighborhood centers, Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of State Health Services, and other agencies and community groups to ensure maximum support for clients and their families. These and other community partners are encouraged to modify their services and volunteer resources to better address sickle cell clients' needs.