



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a seven-month interlocal agreement with Travis County Healthcare District (dba Central Health) for planning and data-sharing to support community engagement activities related to such topics as improving public health, provision of health services, community priorities regarding service needs, and access gaps, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, with up to four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per extension for each succeeding year from March 1, 2020 date through September 30, 2025 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000 over the four year period.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is included in the Austin Public Health Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating budget. Funding for the remaining 4 years of the original agreement period is contingent on successful implementation and available funding in future budget years.

Prior Council Action:

On December 11, 2014, Council approved an agreement with Central Health to support planning and community engagement with a term from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

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Additional Backup Information:

Central Health, City of Austin Public Health, and Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service recognize the need for collaborative planning concerning the health and social determinants of health for the populations we serve. These three taxing entities see an opportunity to leverage and maximize taxpayer dollars by identifying costly health issues, which create a burden on our community, and organizing existing planning and programmatic efforts concerning these issues. This interlocal agreement will be between the City and Central Health. Travis County is entering into a similar agreement with Central Health.

This agreement will extend and expand the working relationship with Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service, Austin Public Health, and Central Health to collaborate including planning and sharing public data and aligning the three agencies' goals and activities specifically for critical health issues and the social determinants contributing to those issues.

This action will authorize an interlocal agreement with Central Health to coordinate planning and community engagement activities in fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Deliverables:

- 1. Data collection, sharing, and analysis:** The Parties shall use data analytics to track the health and social needs of Austin/Travis County to define the health and social service needs of Travis County

residents, which will inform collaborative health and social service planning and policy focused initiatives.

2. **Community Engagement:** The Parties shall jointly create, communicate, and execute a community engagement strategy to engage Travis County residents in order to inform and engage them about critical health issues and to encourage and facilitate health promotion and disease prevention activities.
3. **Indicators:** The Parties shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide additional support to other local data projects that track indicators related to socioeconomics, health or wellbeing. Characteristics that the Parties shall utilize in determining whether a local data project is appropriate for further support include:
 - a. Project supports each of the Parties' missions and goals
 - b. Each Party either participates or is invited to participate on committees or in other capacities to inform the project.
 - c. The Parties' staff provide support to project data analysis and dashboards.
4. **Leveraging Partnerships Collaboratively:** The Parties shall identify potential partners and shall provide staff time in support for larger collaborations. The Parties shall also:
 - a. Engage in multiagency collaborative service delivery initiatives that address the health needs of Austin/Travis County with special focus on hard to reach and underserved populations such as the Eastern Travis County Health and Wellness Collaboration, which was created to: (i) collect and study current trends in demographics and health outcomes experienced by residents of that part of eastern Travis County known as the Eastern Crescent; and (ii) develop and implement a timeline to bring planned health and social services to the Eastern Crescent, including a timeline to open new service delivery locations.
 - b. Provide support in joint grant or other funding applications.

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