



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3452, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement with the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care for the Homeless Health and Wellness Center, which offers behavioral health services integrated with primary care, to add one 12-month renewal option, in the amount of \$311,167, effective January 1, 2022, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$570,473.

Lead Department

Community Court

Fiscal Note

Funding for this agreement in the amount of \$311,167 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Downtown Austin Community Court.

Prior Council Action:

On August 12, 2021, Council approved Ordinance 20210811-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Budget, which included additional funding for the interlocal agreement. On December 3, 2020, Council approved Item No. 20201203-048 directing the City Manager to support a partnership between Downtown Austin Community Court, the Homeless Outreach Street Team, and Integral Care for expanded behavioral health resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, to identify available resources for expanding behavioral health programs, and to return with the appropriate items to authorize funding these programs.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this funding will enable the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) to continue the agreement for a Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team managed by Integral Care (IC), based out of the Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic, for an additional 12-month period beginning January 1, 2022. This program expands upon IC's continuum of services ranging from outreach and engagement to permanent housing by increasing access to specialty mental health, substance use treatment and primary care for individuals experiencing homelessness. Individuals that have these highest needs and greatest vulnerabilities on DACC's waitlist for Intensive Case Management and those identified and referred by the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) are prioritized for services.

As of October 2021, DACC had a waitlist of over 300 individuals for Intensive Case Management. This program meets a critical unmet need with the capacity to provide intensive case management and rehabilitation services for up to 100 individuals at a time. Additional referrals can be made by HOST and DACC as individuals served obtain housing and achieve stability.

This partnership is collaboratively funded through IC, Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA), and DACC. IC has

committed to support the operations of the 3000 Oak Springs Clinic through grants from Health and Human Services Commission and Episcopal Health Foundation. DAA and DACC will each fund the annual costs needed to continue this specialty intensive integrated treatment team, which in turn supports the growing need of individuals experiencing homelessness and expand access to care. Funding for future years is contingent on City Council approval.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.