



2018 BOND DEVELOPMENT QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: APH

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REQUEST: Regarding the proposed Dove Springs Health Center, has the option of cost sharing with Central Health been explored?

RESPONSE:

Austin Public Health has held discussions with Central Health about partnerships for health services including the Dove Springs community. These discussions have included the potential for joint use projects that are multi-purpose community centers. At this time, no decisions have been made to finalize plans for the Dove Springs community.

These comprehensive planning conversations are expected to continue. Community Care currently has a clinic at William Cannon and I-35 which is quite close to the proposed site. Should Central Health be interested in this proposed location, additional funding would be needed to add square footage to the proposed facility which does not include any primary health care.

The proposed square footage (21,000) is all needed for City of Austin Public Health programming. The proposed Public Health Center would include a new full-service Neighborhood Center (basic needs services like food pantry, Fresh Foods for Families, application assistance, job readiness), an Immunization clinic (relocated from the current Stassney Lane location), a WIC clinic (relocated from lease space at William Cannon and I-35) and a new high-quality child care center.

The City cannot provide the same clinic services as Community Health and cannot use its bond funds to pay for facilities that they are authorized to pay for with their tax funds. Implementation of any joint facilities would require review by bond counsel.

