

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2010 Council approved the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Social Services contracts thereby moving forward with the first competitive process for social service contracts since 1999; and

WHEREAS, after more than a decade of status quo funding this course of action allows the City to focus on current priorities and needs, offers organizations that have not been funded in the past the opportunity to apply and provide services to the community, and it gives current contractors the opportunity to propose new ideas, form new collaboratives, and/or leverage their strengths in ways that are client centered and cross cutting; and

WHEREAS, many submitted proposals offer services with a holistic approach, assist high-risk clients living at or below 200% of poverty, integrate with the community to improve access to supportive services, and link clients and services to other City-funded or City-operated programs; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health and Human Services Committee recognizes there are key gaps in mental health and public safety and wishes to explore funding options for these gaps outside the RFP process; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health and Human Services Committee accepts the staff evaluation matrix, the scored rankings, and wishes to spread limited city dollars further; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to:

1. Use the new staff recommendation based on a modified 70% funding option which adds approximately 15 additional recommended respondents to the list of the highest scoring 16 respondents, as a starting point for the negotiation process, and extract and/or negotiate proposals that could be awarded outside this RFP process including those from Austin Travis County Integral Care and Center for Child Protection; and.
2. Explore possible funding options for Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) outside of the City's social services budget, review funding of ATCIC services by the government agencies that appoint the ATCIC Board (City, Travis County and Central Health), as well as by other local agencies, and meet with agencies as necessary to obtain information and discuss future funding issues; and

3. Explore possible funding options for the Center for Child Protection (CCP) outside of the City's social services budget including possibly securing funding for CCP in the public safety budget or some other relevant funding sources; and

4. Extend current social service contracts in the Health and Human Services Department to September 30, 2012 and plan for new three-year contracts to begin on October 1, 2012.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk