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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	41280	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	3/12/2015			Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject					
Approve negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the operation and maintenance of an integrated case management software system to track and reduce chronic absenteeism, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, with five twelve-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 each, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$15,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the renewals is contingent on available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget. On March 24, 2011, Council approved the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with AISD.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
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Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>Chronic absenteeism continues to be a major challenge for many students in the public school system, impeding student achievement and contributing to unacceptable dropout and high school completion rates. The Joint Subcommittees of the Austin Independent School District (AISD), the City of Austin (City), and Travis County (County) created joint task forces to address truancy and student mobility. One of the recommendations presented to the Joint Subcommittees in February 2010, was to develop an Integrated Case Management Software System Pilot Project to provide real time tracking of AISD student absenteeism, the impact of housing instability, and the effect of providing targeted services to high-risk children and their families. The Joint Subcommittees approved a resolution in April 2010, directing staff to work together to implement the recommendations, including the software pilot program. Under this agreement, AISD used their purchasing process to obtain the software for the pilot program. The agreed upon estimated cost was not to exceed \$48,000 for the initial purchase the first year, and \$36,000 annually in two succeeding fiscal years for software infrastructure/maintenance costs, contingent upon successful outcomes and funds availability. The cost was allocated equally among the City, County and AISD. The City and County participated in the development of the scope of work and the data element.</p> <p>The services for at risk children and their families were coordinated through Family Resource Centers located on AISD campuses. The Family Resource Centers connect families to community-based agencies, businesses, neighborhood centers, and faith-based organizations to ensure that children are ready to learn when at school, and their parents support their children's social, emotional, physical and academic development.</p>					

On December 19, 2014, a presentation was made to The Joint Subcommittees of AISD, the City of Austin, and Travis County to provide an update of the success of the integrated case management system at the Family Resource Centers. The Joint Subcommittee voted to continue funding the system in the amount of \$15,000 per each party. In addition, the Joint Subcommittees approved a recommendation that each party would integrate sustaining funds into their annual budgeting process in the amount of \$15,000 per party.

The Parties will coordinate efforts in data gathering and sharing under this Agreement throughout the term with the intent to maximize the results of the services performed and information analyzed. Renewal options each year are contingent upon available budget.

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