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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51660	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	11/12/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with Texas A&M Health Sciences Center (A&M HSC) for A&M HSC to provide the City with consultative services regarding electronic health records in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a 12-month period beginning November 1, 2015, and with four optional 12-month renewals in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000 over the total five years of the agreement.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 1115 Medicaid Waiver Budget. Funding for the balance of the contract is contingent on successful contract performance and available funding in future 1115 Medicaid Waiver budgets. The Term of the agreement is for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In October 2013, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted an application to Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, for a 3-year 1115 Medicaid Waiver project, with the goal to implement and integrate new clinical protocols into electronic medical records to increase efficiencies and decrease duplication of services related to infectious disease management across the City of Austin’s Health and Human Services Department clinics. In late FY15, the City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) began a 6 year, \$2.3million Electronic Health Records project. Texas A&M Health Sciences Center offers consultative services to Local Health Departments and other providers through the Regional Extension Center with specific expertise in selection and implementation of Electronic Health Record systems. The City of Austin and HHSD would benefit from this specialized expertise during the process of developing functional and technical requirements, consultation on vendor responses to requirements and implementation plan specifics, and Federal and State security compliance. Texas A&M Health Sciences Center Regional Extension Center is vendor neutral and provides unbiased technical expertise in the field of Electronic Health Records.