

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	63112	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	10/6/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the University of Texas for the provision of behavioral health services at the Sandra Joy Anderson Health and Wellness Center in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2016.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160912-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) drafted a 2012 Critical Health Indicators Report that identified significant health disparities in Travis County for African American residents, including incidences of HIV and AIDS, lack of access to prenatal care, and disproportionate rates of mortality from diabetes. Additionally, HHSD drafted a 2012 Community Health Assessment for Austin/Travis County that revealed “while chronic diseases emerged as a key concern and represents the leading causes of death in the region, the need for mental health services was the foremost community health concern. Additionally, it is evident that Blacks/African Americans and Latinos/Hispanics experience disproportionately higher rates of several health outcomes.”

In 2014, HHSD contracted with Huston-Tillotson University to create the Sandra Joy Anderson Health and Wellness Center (Center), a campus, community based health center providing holistic physical health care services to the East Austin community. The Center was developed to enhance and expand the provision of services in East Austin with a focus on cultural sensitivity to implement a three pronged program that includes patient care, research, and

community interventions. This program will significantly improve the environment of care for the minority residents of the community, improve the overall mental health of patients in the community, and enhance the quality of life for indigent populations.

The proposed contract contemplates the University of Texas, through the Dell Medical School, will provide behavioral health services to clients at the Center in collaboration with Huston-Tillotson University, CommUnityCare, and Austin/Travis County Integral Care. Additional services include implementation of a mental health self-reporting tool in multiple settings, outreach and referrals of high risk individuals in need of behavioral health services, and increasing mental health literacy in the local community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance targets will be negotiated with the University of Texas, through the Dell Medical School. The outcome for this agreement will measure clients' progress toward meeting their treatment plan.