



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2477, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

8/8/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care for integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment services for indigent citizens and other eligible clients within the Downtown Austin Community Court, for an initial 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2019 and four 12-month renewal options, each in an amount not to exceed \$543,427, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,717,135.

Lead Department

Community Court

Fiscal Note

Funding for this agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Long-term homelessness, physical and mental health issues, and substance use disorders are among the common challenges of the clients of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program at the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC). All of these factors serve as barriers to achieving stability, and obtaining and maintaining housing. When DACC was established in 1999, client engagement was conducted solely through the judicial process. DACC has evolved with community and population needs by expanding the ICM program to receive walk-in clients and prioritizing Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) referrals. The ICM staff proactively seeks to reach clients through the implementation of outreach efforts, including collaboration with HOST and the Sobering Center, in order to engage individuals in intensive services, connect clients with supportive services, and locate permanent housing.

Services funded through this agreement will be provided to homeless individuals with high acuity, many of whom have a tri-occurring diagnosis: mental health, chronic medical, and substance use diagnoses. Known as Road to Recovery, the program uses an integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment program in a residential setting where the appropriate level of care for clients is determined using a validated risk assessment tool. All assessments and treatment modalities use evidence-based methodologies to determine individualized treatment plans based on the referred client's needs, risks, and required level of care. Care provided to clients includes individual treatment planning, psychotherapeutic and pharmacologic support services, rehabilitative skills training, case management, peer support services and other services for individuals with co-occurring substance use and behavioral health disorders.

The City has funded the Road to Recovery program since 2013. This action will authorize continuation of services to homeless individuals participating in DACC's Intensive Case Management program who are referred to the Road to Recovery program.

Road to Recovery Anticipated Performance Measures:

Outputs:

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served:	36
Number of Treatment Hours Provided:	3000

Outcomes:

Percent of Clients Successfully Completing Program	66.67%
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