



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2113, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

6/11/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center D/B/A Integral Care for mental health and substance use treatment services for indigent citizens and other eligible clients of the Downtown Austin Community Court, by increasing funding in an amount not to exceed \$280,000 for the current agreement term ending on September 30, 2020, and increasing funding for the three remaining 12-month renewal options not to exceed \$280,000 per renewal option, for a total increase to the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,120,000.

Lead Department

Community Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding for amendment is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Downtown Austin Community Court.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190910-001 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

August 30, 2018 - Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Integral Care.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Prior to 1999, the City and Travis County purchased substance use treatment services through multiple agencies with eligibility determinations made and services provided by the individual organizations pursuant to the terms of their respective contracts. The auditing of services was performed retrospectively by City staff.

The Interlocal Agreement for the Managed Services Organization (MSO) between the City, Travis County, and the Integral Care, originated in 1999. The City and County developed the Interlocal Agreement in order to contract for substance use treatment services utilizing an MSO approach. The purpose of this approach is to better coordinate and standardize substance use treatment services for the community, to designate the target populations to be served, eligibility criteria, services to be covered, and expected outcomes according to those standards and requirements set forth in the agreement. As the local authority for mental health and mental retardation services with extensive experience in this area, Integral Care serves as the MSO under the agreement in order to prevent duplication of administrative services and promote a continuum of care for clients. The agreement also facilitates the coordination of City and County funded services with state funded services in order to maximize leveraging of all available funds.

The Downtown Austin Community Court's (DACC') Intensive Case Management team is proactively seeking the target population through the implementation of outreach efforts, including collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), in order to engage individuals in intensive services, and anticipates a continued increase in requests for assistance.

Approval of this item will authorize DACC to negotiate and execute an amendment with Travis County and Integral Care to increase capacity to provide mental health and substance use treatment services for indigent citizens and other eligible clients of the DACC. In the model established under the agreement, individuals are authorized and then served by organizations in the network that provide the assessment and treatment of eligible clients. In addition, the following MSO functions are provided: Credentialing, Gate Functions, Utilization Management, Quality Management, Management Information Systems, Financial Management, Administration/Contract Management, and Network Development and Management as set forth in the agreement and specified by City and County.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.