



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3742, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center D/B/A Integral Care for the Health Care for the Homeless Health and Wellness Center, which offers behavioral health services integrated with primary care, for a 12-month term beginning on January 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$259,306.

Lead Department

Community Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding for this agreement in the amount of \$259,306 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Downtown Austin Community Court.

Prior Council Action:

December 3, 2020 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20201203-048, directing the City Manager to support a partnership between Downtown Austin Community Court, the Homeless Outreach Street Team, and Integral Care for expanded behavioral health resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, to identify available resources for expanding behavioral health programs, and to return with the appropriate items to authorize funding these programs.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this funding will enable DACC to enter into an agreement for a Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team managed by Integral Care, based out of the Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic. This program will expand upon Integral Care's continuum of services ranging from outreach and engagement to permanent housing by increasing access to specialty mental health, substance use treatment and primary care for individuals experiencing homelessness. Individuals that have the highest needs and greatest vulnerabilities on DACC's waitlist for Intensive Case Management and those identified and referred by the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) will be prioritized for services.

As of November 2020, DACC had a waitlist of 230 individuals for Intensive Case Management. This program will meet a critical unmet need with the capacity to provide intensive case management and rehabilitation services for up to 100 individuals at a time. Additional referrals can be made by HOST and DACC as individuals served obtain housing and achieve stability; Integral Care estimates 150-175 people will be served by this program annually.

This partnership will be collaboratively funded through Integral Care, Downtown Austin Alliance, and DACC. Integral Care has committed to support the operations of the 3000 Oak Springs Clinic through grants from Health and Human Services Commission and Episcopal Health Foundation. Downtown Austin Alliance and

DACC will each cover 50% of the initial annual costs needed to develop this specialty intensive integrated treatment team, which in turn will support the growing need of individuals experiencing homelessness and expand access to care. Funding for future years would be contingent on City Council approval.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability