



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for pediatric dental services.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) to provide dental treatment for pediatric patients referred by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health program in an amount of \$140,000.00 for a term ending August 31, 2024. Funding is available from the Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On an annual basis, the Metro Health Oral Health Program provides diagnostic and preventive care to children living in poverty by providing services in non-traditional settings such as Head Start, Early Head Start (ages birth to 5 years) and on campuses of local Title I elementary schools (ages 5 to ~11). Metro Health's Oral Health Program provides preventive dental services for children in these non-traditional settings at more than 280 mobile clinics annually. Through these programs, many children are identified with additional dental treatment needs beyond the scope of Metro Health services.

For over 30 years, Metro Health has contracted with UT Health to provide dental services beyond the scope provided by Metro Health. Children seen by Metro Health's Oral Health Program may be referred to UT Health for Title V services if they are identified with untreated decay and are uninsured or underinsured. Metro Health's Oral Health Program staffs one employee to provide application assistance and serves as a liaison between the families and UT Health for scheduling their children's dental treatment. While Metro Health's Oral Health Program refers children to receive Title V services after performing an initial exam, many recipients are also identified through other outreach efforts and word of mouth. During FY 2023, 667 children were assisted by the Metro Health's Oral Health Program to enroll in Title V benefits and scheduled for dental treatment at UT Health.

In January 2023, through Ordinance 2023-01-26-0030, City Council authorized the acceptance of funds from the Health and Human Services Commission for the Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant for the 2023-2024 term. Through funding from this grant, the Oral Health program seeks to execute an agreement with UT Health for the provision of comprehensive dental care for preventative and restorative treatment for pediatric patients referred by Metro Health.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with UT Health for the provision of dental services to pediatric patients referred by Metro Health in an amount of up to \$140,000.00 for a term ending August 31, 2024. Funding is available from the Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will need to seek an alternate means to provide pediatric oral health services, a requirement to remain in compliance with Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with UT Health in an amount up to \$140,000.00 for a term ending August 31, 2024. Funding is available from the Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.