



**Agreement with University of Texas Health Science  
Center at San Antonio for Asthma Consultative Services**

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**Item #20**

**Date: October 3, 2024**

# Background

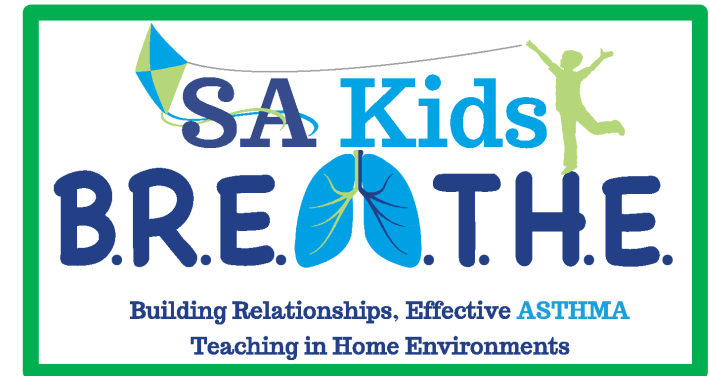


- Metro Health's SA Kids BREATHE (SAKB) asthma education program:
  - **Provides:** in home asthma self-management education by specially trained Community Health Workers
  - **Serves:** families of children ages 3 to 17 with uncontrolled asthma, within San Antonio and Bexar County
  - **Goal:** helping children with asthma stay in school, remain active, and avoid hospital or emergency room visits, while also preventing parents from having to miss work



>1,600  
Children  
Referred

>600  
Children  
Enrolled



# Background



- Metro Health contracts with UT Health for a physician serving as a medical advisor to the SAKB asthma program.
- The medical advisor:
  - Provides training and guidance to program's community health workers
  - Assists with clinical concerns, outreach to physicians, and recruitment efforts
  - Serves as chair of the SAKB Advisory Committee



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# Fiscal Impact



- Agreement with UT Health:
  - Term: October 1, 2024, through September 31, 2025
  - Two, one-year renewal options
  - Initial term amount: \$20,000
  - Renewal term amount: \$20,000 each
  - Total amount: \$60,000

Funding is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget and funds.



# Recommendation



- Staff recommends approval.





**Thank You**  
**End of Presentation**