



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Amendment to an agreement and a facility use agreement with Alamo Community College District (ACCD) for execution of a dental hygiene program for students and a community dental clinic at Palo Alto College.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to an agreement with the ACCD for the execution of a dental hygiene program for students and a community dental clinic at Palo Alto College in collaboration with the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health)'s Oral Health Program at no additional cost for the term January 30, 2018 through September 30, 2029.

This ordinance also authorizes the execution of a facility use agreement with the ACCD for Metro Health's Oral Health Program's use of the Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene Clinic to conduct onsite dental hygiene clinical services for the community at no additional cost for the term beginning upon execution through September 30, 2029. This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment in the following circumstances: modifications to the facility use agreement so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original use under the agreement.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The ACCD's Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene Program began initial accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the fall of 2023. The mission of the program is to provide the community with an entry-level dental hygiene workforce equipped with an education focused on evidence-based dentistry and technology that is inclusive of integrity, ethics, and compassion, as well as the improvement of oral health and the overall health of the community it serves.

Located in one of the lowest income level areas of Bexar County, the Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene Clinic, will provide education to their students while giving access to dental hygiene care services to the local community. This care would otherwise not be available, nor would it be affordable to most of the community members. The Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene Clinic is affording the local community members a way to improve their overall health by improving their oral health.

The first cohort of students began on September 11, 2023. In the spring of 2024, students saw 261 patients in clinic. By the end of the spring 2025 semester, the Class of 2025 is anticipated to see a minimum of 600 patients. The program will meet deliverables in the scope of work through student clinical hours, which include providing oral health services to community members.

On September 13, 2018, through Ordinance 2018-09-13-0709, City Council approved the initial agreement with ACCD, for the term through September 30, 2029, in an amount up to \$500,000.00. Due to delays caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic, including construction supply shortages, hiring of a Dental Hygiene Director, and selection of the accreditation entity, additional deliverables and modification to the scope of services are required to continue to support the development and execution of a dental hygiene program for students and a community dental clinic.

## **ISSUE:**

Metro Health is seeking City Council authorization to execute an amendment to an agreement with the ACCD to continue to support the execution of a dental hygiene program for students and a community dental clinic at no additional cost at Palo Alto College for the term January 30, 2018 through September 30, 2029. In addition, Metro Health seeks authorization to execute a facility use agreement for its Oral Health Program to conduct onsite dental hygiene clinical services at no additional cost for the term beginning upon execution through September 30, 2029.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will be unable to have the scope of services reflect an updated first student cohort enrollment date and graduation requirements as required by the Commission on Dental Accreditation the accreditation entity for the Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance approves the execution of an amendment to an agreement with the Alamo Community College District at no additional cost for the term beginning January 30, 2018 through September 30, 2029. This ordinance will also authorize a facility use agreement with ACCD for Metro Health's Oral Health Program to conduct onsite dental hygiene clinical services at no additional cost for the term beginning upon execution through September 30, 2029. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.