



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

A renewal and amendment to an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for physician services.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a renewal and amendment to increase compensation by \$18,000.00 to an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) for the continued provision of physician services for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program (TB Clinic).

Funding for the amendment in the amount of \$18,000.00 is available from Public Health Provider (PHP) – Charity Care Program (CCP) for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. This will increase the agreement to \$138,000.00 annually, and the total contract value up to \$654,000.00, inclusive of renewals. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget and funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As the local public health district for the City of San Antonio and unincorporated Bexar County, Metro Health is charged with investigating all suspected and confirmed cases of active tuberculosis (TB) and provides prompt diagnosis and treatment through a process of Directly Observed Therapy (DOT). Metro Health's TB Clinic has relied on UTHSCT for physician services for over nine years. The UTHSCT Heartland National TB Center is one of four Centers of Excellence in the United States funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of TB Elimination. The Texas Department of State Health Services currently contracts with UTHSCT to provide medical and technical consultation services related to various aspects of TB control. As such, the UTHSCT is the only entity with this level of expertise available within the state to provide these services.

On November 3, 2022, through Ordinance 2022-11-03-0850, City Council approved Metro Health's agreement with UTHSCT, for the term ending September 30, 2023, in an annual amount up to \$120,000.00, with the option to renew for four, one-year terms and a total amount up to \$600,000.00. Due to increased costs and expenses, additional funding is required to continue to provide active tuberculosis physician services. Additional funding in the amount of \$18,000.00, for a total amended contract value up to \$138,000.00 annually, will ensure that a physician specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis is available for medical services at Metro Health's TB Clinic.

Through a renewal and amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with UTHSCT, Metro Health seeks to continue its collaboration with UTHSCT to secure expert TB physician services for full medical coverage of all active TB patients referred to Metro Health's TB Clinic.

**ISSUE:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, the agreement will not be amended, and funding may not cover expenses for the current term. Metro Health may need to seek an alternative means to provide expert TB physician services for patients identified in the community with active TB disease.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.