



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

An agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for consultative services.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) for consultative services, for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) SA Kids BREATHE (SAKB) asthma program in an amount up to \$20,000.00 for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms for a total amount up to \$60,000.00, inclusive of renewals. 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.

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment in the following circumstances: (A) an increase in contract funding in an amount not exceeding (a) twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of this contract or (b) \$25,000.00, whichever is lesser amount; provided, however, that the cumulative total of all amendments increasing funding and executed without City Council approval pursuant to this subsection during the term of this contract shall not exceed the foregoing amount; (B) no cost extensions up to two years; and (C) modifications to the Scope of Work due to the adjustment described in subsection (A) of this Section or for any other

reason, so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Metro Health's SAKB asthma program supports underserved families of children ages 3 to 17 with uncontrolled asthma who live within the City of San Antonio or Bexar County through no-cost asthma self-management education (AS-ME) and intervention services. Its goal is to help children with asthma stay in school, remain active, and avoid hospital or emergency room visits, while also preventing parents from having to miss work.

Participating households receive three home visits followed by periodic follow-up at 6- and 12-month intervals, during which specially trained Community Health Workers (CHWs) teach AS-ME, proper medication and device use, identify environmental triggers, and suggest healthy lifestyle changes. These strategies lead to well-controlled asthma, which is a key to keeping kids active, healthy, and in school.

UT Health provides a physician medical advisor who trains and guides the CHWs and mentors their supervisor. The medical advisor also provides overall program guidance and support, including chairing the SAKB Advisory Committee and assisting SAKB with outreach to the professional community of healthcare providers in Bexar County. Professional outreach includes one-on-one conversations with physicians about SAKB, group presentations with the program manager on SAKB, and a quarterly newsletter for pediatricians produced in collaboration with the program team.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with UT Health for consultative services, to support asthma self-management education efforts implemented by the SAKB asthma program in an amount up to \$20,000.00 for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms for a total amount up to \$60,000.00, inclusive of renewals. 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.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will need to identify an alternative means to receive consultative services for SAKB from a physician trained in working with children with asthma and their families in Bexar County. Metro Health will also need to identify other ways of receiving support with physician outreach, recruitment, and services as chair for the SAKB Advisory Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.