



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Agreements with Healthy Futures of Texas for TeenDaySA and Northside Independent School District for the Project Worth Teen Ambassador Program.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with Healthy Futures of Texas for TeensDaySA, as part of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) SA Forward Plan to improve positive youth development for the Project Worth Program in an amount up to \$23,000.00 for the term April 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025.

This ordinance also authorizes the execution of an agreement with Northside Independent School District (NISD) to operate a campus-based cohort at Rudder Middle School, as part of Metro Health's SA Forward Plan to improve teen emotional, psychological, and social well-being, for the department's Project Worth program in the amount of \$3,900.00 for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with an option to renew for two, one-year terms for a total contract amount of up to \$11,700.00, inclusive of renewals.

Funding is available from the General Fund FY 2024 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 Project Worth Program has historically worked with teens in San Antonio to ensure youth perspective and voice are incorporated and shared with the community through Project Worth and City of San Antonio initiatives including various teen pregnancy prevention campaigns, DreamSA Youth Engagement initiative, Tobacco 21 Ordinance, and teen dating violence prevention campaigns. In 2013, Project Worth formally began the Project Worth Teen Ambassador Program, a volunteer-based leadership development program, that provides teens the opportunity to meet with peers from across San Antonio, become civically engaged, and bring action to teen health by sharing their voices, creativity, and ideas.

As part of Metro Health's five-year SA Forward goal to promote emotional, psychological, and social well-being through enhanced coordination of mental health services in the community, Project Worth sought to expand the Teen Ambassador Program and implement a social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum with Teen Ambassadors. In 2022, Project Worth expanded the Teen Ambassador Program to include a campus-based cohort through an agreement with NISD's Rudder Middle School, in addition to the continued operation of the community-based cohort. This expansion to a campus-based setting helped reduce barriers to participation in Project Worth's community-based Teen Ambassador group. In 2023, Project Worth implemented a new evidence based online SEL curriculum component, BASE Education, to address adolescent mental health with the Teen Ambassadors; however, participation in the BASE education SEL curriculum is self-paced and optional. Since the expansion to Rudder Middle School in 2022, a total of 30 seventh and eighth grade students have participated in the Teen Ambassador Program over the last two school years.

Additionally, between 2023 to 2024 Metro Health's Project Worth Program began participating with the Healthy Futures of Texas San Antonio Pod (San Antonio Pod), which focuses on building positive youth development in our region of Texas. The San Antonio Pod, comprised of Project Worth and Healthy Futures of Texas, along with other youth serving organizations and their youth participants, plan a one-day event called TeensDaySA that culminates in the spring each year. Healthy Futures of Texas coordinates TeensDaySA by securing all vendors and participating organizations, location, and organizing day of logistics. TeensDaySA focuses on elevating areas of youth health, including mental health, emotional health, sexual health, and physical health, as well as other areas of interest brought to the forefront by teens. TeensDaySA is open to the public and specifically provides programming for teens and their parents.

**ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Healthy Futures of Texas to provide planning and coordination of TeensDaySA, to support positive youth development efforts implemented by Metro Health's Project Worth program, in an amount up to \$23,000.00 for the term April 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. This action also authorizes the execution of an agreement with Northside Independent School District to operate a campus-based cohort at Rudder Middle School, to support teen emotional, psychological, and social well-being efforts implemented by Metro Health's Project Worth Program in an amount up to \$3,900.00 for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a total contract value up to \$11,700.00, inclusive of renewals.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will need to seek an alternate means for the Project Worth Program to provide health and wellness resources and learning opportunities that prepare students socially and emotionally to pursue their goals after high school.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.