

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN
AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, D/B/A
UNIVERSITY HEALTH FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN
HEALTH DISTRICT'S PROJECT WORTH PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL BEHAVIORAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND INCREASE
FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$55,000.00, FOR A TOTAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF UP TO \$580,000.00, INCLUSIVE OF
RENEWALS.**

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WHEREAS, Project Worth is a positive youth development program that promotes the social and emotional health and wellbeing of children and teens through education, collaboration, and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the program provides opportunities for San Antonio youth to reach their full potential through the Project Worth Teen Ambassador program, DreamSA youth engagement initiative, as well as supports families with their "Let's Talk" social emotional learning parent initiative; and

WHEREAS, the program also collaborates with various organizations in the community bringing together prevention strategies to reduce the risk of negative health outcomes including, but not limited to, unhealthy relationships, teen pregnancy, and resiliency challenges, while promoting protective factors in the lives of youth; and

WHEREAS, one of these collaborations includes providing teens in San Antonio with no cost counseling services through an agreement with the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years, University Health has exceeded the goal of providing 1,000 counseling sessions to teens in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2022, University Health provided 368 teenagers, ages 13-19, a combined total of 1,303 behavioral counseling sessions and in FY 2023, provided 293 teenagers with a combined total of 1,184 behavioral counseling sessions; and

WHEREAS, this service originated as a response to San Antonio's stagnant repeat birth rate and community focus groups identifying mental health as a root cause; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide no cost mental health services to youth served by the Project Worth program, where University Health was the selected respondent for this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved the initial agreement through Ordinance 2021-04-29-0286; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract term commenced April 1, 2021, and ended September 30, 2021, with options to renew for two and a half years, terminating March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the services rendered through this contract provide access to mental health care to youth whose families may lack the financial means to afford such essential care; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, this agreement complements Metro Health's SA Forward strategic plan to address negative youth mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued need for mental health services, Metro Health seeks to extend the current agreement period through September 30, 2024 and increase the total number of counseling sessions from 500 to 1,000; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the agreement with University Health to add additional funding in the amount of \$55,000.00, for a total amended contract value up to \$580,000.00, inclusive of renewals, will allow for continued services of providing free behavioral and mental health support to San Antonio's youth;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is authorized to execute an amendment to an agreement with Bexar County Hospital District, d/b/a University Health for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Project Worth program to provide additional behavioral mental health counseling services through September 30, 2024 and increase funding in an amount up to \$55,000.00, for a total contract amount of up to \$580,000.00, inclusive of renewals. A copy of the amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. Funding in the amount of \$55,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 29658000, Internal Order 836000000209 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year

2024 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

SECTION 3. Payment in the amount of \$55,000.00 is authorized to Bexar County Hospital District, d/b/a University Health (University Health) and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February 2024.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney