



# 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 with Angel Staffing, Inc. for emergency medical staffing services.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to an agreement with Angel Staffing, Inc. to continue to provide emergency medical staffing services related to the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program, increasing the total amount by \$2,718,750.00, for a total contract value up to \$3,187,500.00, inclusive of renewals. The amendment is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Immunizations and Vaccines for Children Program Grant, in the amount of \$2,290,750.00 and the CDC Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Grant for MPOX in the amount of \$428,000.00 for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Metro Health provides effective health and medical response in the event of an emergency, disaster, or public health incident for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. Through the agreement with Angel Staffing, Inc., Metro Health utilizes their trained and licensed medical and professional personnel deployed at sites on as needed basis, as determined by Metro Health.

There are currently two grants that fund temporary staffing to augment clinical capacity during peak seasons and modify clinic workflows. The first is the CDC Immunizations and Vaccines for Children Program Grant that has provided COVID-19 and Bridge Access Program supplemental funds to improve vaccine access in Bexar County for those that are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover immunizations. Additional clinicians are needed to provide vaccines at pop-up clinic events throughout the community and also increase capacity in Metro Health's Immunizations Clinic during the back-to-school season. Additionally, the CDC Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Grant for MPOX supports two clinicians who have joined the clinical rotation at the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Control and Prevention Clinic to incorporate MPOX screening, testing, and vaccination into routine clinical practices.

On March 3, 2022, through Ordinance 2022-03-03-0151, City Council approved an initial emergency medical staffing services agreement with Angel Staffing, Inc. for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$187,500.00, with options to renew for three, one-year terms in the amount of \$93,750.00 annually, and a total cumulative contract amount up to \$468,750.00, inclusive of renewals.

Services are used on an as needed basis in the event of emergency disaster or public health incident. Due to the supplementary funding made available from the CDC, additional clinician support is being added to augment Metro Health's Immunization outreach efforts to provide childhood, teens, adolescent and adult vaccine coverage along with MPOX, COVID 19 and flu vaccines in order to ensure that the community is caught up with all age-appropriate recommended vaccines, in addition to providing Emergency & Preparedness support when needed. Additional funding in the amount of \$2,718,750.00, for a total amended contract value up to \$3,187,500.00, to Angel Staffing, Inc. will ensure continued support for vaccination services during peak seasons.

#### **ISSUE:**

Metro Health is seeking City Council authorization to execute an amendment to the agreement with Angel Staffing, Inc. to continue to provide emergency medical staffing services related to deliverables required by supplemental funding provided by the CDC, in the amount of \$2,718,750.00 for a total contract value up to \$3,187,500.00. This amendment is funded by the CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children Grant, in the amount of \$2,290,750.00 and the Crisis Cooperative Agreement for MPOX Grant in the amount of \$428,000.00 for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. 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 seek an alternative means to secure medical staffing services in the event of a public health emergency or disaster, such as volunteer personnel, until an emergency contract can be executed for emergency medical staffing services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Angel Staffing, Inc. by an increase of \$2,718,750.00 for a term September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a total cumulative amount of \$3,187,500.00 inclusive of renewals. Funding for the amendment is available through the CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children Grant, in the amount of \$2,290,750.00 and the CDC Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Grant for MPOX in the amount of \$428,000.00. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget and funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.