



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Agreements with Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc. related to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health Program

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes an agreement with Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc. (FSA) for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to provide oral health services for children enrolled in the Head Start program for an amount up to \$48,969.00 for the term September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three additional one-year terms for a cumulative amount up to \$195,876.00. Metro Health will provide a twenty percent in-kind match requirement in services totaling \$9,794.00 for the initial term and a total in-kind match of \$39,176.00, inclusive of renewals.

This ordinance also authorizes an agreement with FSA for Metro Health to provide oral health services to Early Head Start enrollees for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, with an option to renew for one, two-year term. Metro Health will allocate \$10,673.00 of the City's General Fund in services each year of the term of the agreement, including renewals. Metro Health will not seek reimbursement for these services. Metro Health will provide the agency with documentation of the in-kind value of dental care provided through this initiative.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Metro Health's Oral Health Program provides evidence-based practices to include an on-site oral health assessment and fluoride varnish application performed by a Public Health Dentist for participating children enrolled in the Early Head Start and Head Start Programs. The Oral Health Program provides diagnostic and preventive care to more than 20,000 children living below the federal poverty guidelines. Early Head Start and Head Start are federally funded programs that provide education, child development, nutrition, social services, health, and disability assessments with parent involvement. Head Start is designed to serve children, 0 to 5 years of age whose parents' income meet the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families guidelines.

Head Start programs must provide high-quality health, oral health, mental health, and nutrition services that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate to support each child's growth and school readiness. Metro Health's Oral Health Program is currently contracted to provide dental services for 6,166 children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start across Bexar County. The Oral Health Program serves as a safety net, identifying children with unmet dental needs. Dental case management is provided on behalf of Metro Health staff, assisting participating families in accessing and establishing routine dental care to include treatment for untreated tooth decay. In the 2023-2024 school year, 460 children enrolled in Family Service Association Early Head Start and Head Start programs were identified with untreated tooth decay. Metro Health connects children with the UT Health School of Dentistry, Department of Developmental Dentistry to provide comprehensive dental care for uninsured and underinsured families.

ISSUE:

Metro Health seeks City Council authorization to execute agreements with FSA for Oral Health Program staff to provide children enrolled in the Head Start program with oral health services in the amount up to \$48,969.00 from FSA with an in-kind match requirement totaling \$9,794.00, for the term September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms for a total amount of \$195,876.00, inclusive of renewals. This action also authorizes the execution of an agreement with FSA for the provision of oral health services for Early Head Start enrollees for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, with an option to renew for one, two-year term. These agreements allow for the early diagnosis of oral health conditions and access to timely primary and preventive interventions that improve the oral health outcomes for children at high risk for decay.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will be unable to provide oral health assessments, on-site preventive dental care and case management support for children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs with FSA. Additionally, FSA would need to identify an alternate entity to provide these health evaluations and case management services to remain in compliance with federal grant requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Metro Health requests City Council authorize two agreements with FSA for the Oral Health Program to provide oral health services for infants and children enrolled in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. FSA will provide compensation to Metro Health in the amount of \$48,969.00 with Metro Health providing an in-kind match of up to \$9,794.00 for the term September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms for a total amount of \$195,876.00, inclusive of renewals. Funding generated through this agreement is for the direct reimbursement of services.

The services provided through the Early Head Start agreement are supported by the General Fund. Metro Health will not seek reimbursement for these services. Metro Health will provide FSA with documentation of the value of dental care provided through this initiative. The total budgeted amount for the in-kind services provided through this agreement will not exceed \$42,692.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.