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DEPARTMENT: Fire

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

POSTING LANGUAGE: Ordinance approving an Agreement with “David A. Marks, MD, PA” for Medical Oversight and Staffing for the San Antonio Fire Department Wellness in the amount of \$1,661,568.00 for a term ending September 30, 2026. Funding is from the FY 24 Operating Budget for the Fire Department. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief, Fire]

SUBJECT:

Authorize a professional services agreement with David A. Marks, MD, PA for Medical Oversight and Staffing at the San Antonio Fire Department Wellness Center.

SUMMARY:

An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with David A. Marks, MD, PA for an amount not to exceed \$1,661,568.00 to provide medical oversight and the staffing of two nurse practitioners for the San Antonio Fire Department Wellness Center. The term of the contract shall commence September 15, 2023, and shall continue through September 30, 2026, with up to two (2) one-year extensions. Funding in the amount of \$13,568.00 is available from the General Fund FY2023 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2010 budget approved the creation of a San Antonio Fire Department Wellness Program to monitor the health and wellness of its uniformed members throughout their careers. This program was designed to provide early detection of serious medical conditions and encourage better health, thereby allowing our members to do their job more safely and effectively. The program was modeled after the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)/International Association Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Wellness-Fitness Initiative (WFI) and in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.

The Finance Department on behalf of the San Antonio Fire Department released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on July 7, 2023, to select vendor to provide Wellness Medical Oversight & Staffing and closed on August 7, 2023. The RFQ was advertised in the Hart Beat, TVSA channel, the City's Bidding & Contracting Opportunities website, the San Antonio eProcurement System (SAePS), and an email notification was released to a list of potential Respondents. Responses were due on August 7, 2023, and a total of seven (7) firms responded to the RFQ and were deemed eligible for review. On August 22, 2023, the proposals were reviewed by the evaluation committee which included representatives from the San Antonio Fire Department. The proposals were evaluated on Experience, Background, and Qualifications, and Proposed Plan. After committee review and evaluation, David A. Marks, MD, PA was recommended for award by the evaluation committee.

ISSUE:

This program is a medical surveillance program which considers the special circumstances associated with the firefighting profession. Medical oversight is provided by a physician licensed in the State of Texas. Dedicated nurse practitioners, experienced in occupational medicine, conduct examinations to determine if an employee has a potentially life-threatening medical condition that requires treatment necessary to ensure that activities detrimental to the health and well-being of the employee are altered or ceased.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements was not applicable with No API Recommended.

The Local Preference Program was not applicable to this contract, as the program does not apply to medical services which fall under Professional Services Act 2254.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) Preference Program was not applicable to this contract, as the program does not apply to medical services which fall under Professional Services Act 2254.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this council item is not approved, SAFD would recommend hiring medical professionals as City employees. However, this would delay potentially lifesaving medical examinations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An Ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with David A. Marks, MD, PA for an amount not to exceed \$1,661,568.00 to provide medical oversight and the staffing of two nurse practitioners for the San Antonio Fire Department Wellness Center. The term of the contract shall commence September 15, 2023, and shall continue through September 30, 2026, with up to two (2) one-year extensions. Funding in the amount of \$13,568.00 is available from the General Fund FY2023 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an agreement with "David A. Marks, MD, PA" in the amount of \$1,661,568.00 for Medical Oversight and Staffing for the SAFD Wellness Center.

This contract was procured by means of Request for Qualifications and a Contracts Disclosure Form is attached.