



City of San Antonio

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approving agreements with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, related to San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program (TB Clinic) to refer its patients to UT Health for possible participation in clinical studies for tuberculosis infection, at no cost for a term beginning November 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2027 with the option to renew for one, two-year term.

This ordinance also approves an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) for Metro Health's TB Clinic, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. UTHSCT will provide services relating to the treatment of patients with active tuberculosis (TB) infection for a term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 with the option to renew for four, one-year terms for a cumulative amount up to \$600,000.00. Funding for the first year of the contract in the amount of \$120,000.00 is available from the FY 2023 General Fund

Adopted Budget. Funding for future years is dependent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1993 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established The Tuberculosis Trials Consortium (TBTC) to conduct programmatically relevant clinical, laboratory and epidemiologic research concerning the diagnosis, clinical management and prevention of tuberculosis infection. On March 31, 2021 the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the members of its Tuberculosis Trials Consortium (TBTC) for the 2021 - 2030 cycle. San Antonio was announced as Site 63, the only site recognized in Texas, and only 1 of 6 sites in the entire United States.

Metro Health's collaboration with UT Health and the TBTC dates back more than 20 years and includes three clinical studies of treatment with rifapentine based therapy for treatment of latent TB and one study to shorten treatment of active TB. Dr. Jose Cadena, MD is a consortium member and is designated by UT Health as a Principal Investigator for Site 63's TBTC studies. Through a Memorandum of Agreement with UT Health, Metro Health seeks to continue its collaboration with UT Health for the referral of Metro Health TB Clinic patients for possible participation in TBTC studies and continuation of care and treatment.

Additionally, as the local health district for the City of San Antonio and unincorporated Bexar County, Metro Health is charged with investigating all suspected and confirmed cases of active TB and provides prompt diagnosis and treatment through a process of Directly Observed Therapy (DOT). Metro Health's TB Clinic has relied on UTHSCT for physician services supporting the TB Clinic for over nine years. The UTHSCT Heartland National TB Center is one of four Centers of Excellence in the United States and is the only one in Texas funded by the CDC's Division of TB Elimination, providing medical and technical consultation services related to various aspects of TB control. As such, the UTHSCT is the only entity with this level of expertise available within the state to provide these services. Through an Interlocal Agreement with UTHSCT, Metro Health seeks to continue its collaboration with UTHSCT to secure expert TB physician services and for full medical coverage for all active TB patients referred to Metro Health's TB Clinic.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting approval of agreements related to Metro Health's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program to include the referral of Metro Health's TB Clinic patients to UT Health for possible participation in clinical studies and treatment services at no cost, for a term beginning November 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2027, with the option to renew for one, two-year term. This action also approves an agreement with UTHSCT for the provision of physician services for the treatment of patients with active TB infection for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, for a term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, with the option to renew for four, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount up to \$600,000.00.

TB continues to be a significant and expensive public health problem in Texas. Approval of the agreements will allow Metro Health to inform and refer qualifying patients with TB infection for

continued care and will allow the TB Clinic to continue to facilitate treatment for individuals suspected to have active TB disease.

ALTERNATIVES:

If these agreements are not approved, Metro Health will be unable to refer patients to UT Health to support the scientific research of the Tuberculosis Trials Consortium. In addition, Metro Health will need to identify alternative mechanisms to provide expert TB physician services for patients identified in the community with active TB disease.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program at no cost for the term ending October 31, 2027, with the option to renew for one, two-year term.

This ordinance also authorizes an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for the term ending September 30, 2023, with the option to renew for four, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount up to \$600,000.00. Funding for the first year of the contract in the amount of \$120,000.00 is available from the FY 2023 General Fund Adopted Budget. Funding for future years is dependent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve agreements with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for TB patient referrals and expert TB physician services related to the treatment of patients with active TB.