

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

**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL WELLNESS SERVICES WITH MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE FOR TEXAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOBILE MENTAL WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE (MMWC) FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT'S VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR AN INITIAL TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 WITH A ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTION, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$1,147,336.00 INCLUSIVE OF THE RENEWAL.**

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**WHEREAS**, mental health is the foundation for an individual's personal development, physical health, individual and family stability, education and employment outcomes, and incarceration risk; and

**WHEREAS**, an untreated mental health issue is the first domino to fall in a long line of costly impacts to the individual and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, for instance, a child who does not receive needed mental health services is at much greater risk for needing therapy as an adult, dropping out of school, being unemployed or underemployed, incarceration, health problems such as heart disease and diabetes, and substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, an investment in youth mental health is one of the most cost-effective measures a community can take to ensure that all children and youth are safe, healthy, resilient, and ready to succeed in school and life; and

**WHEREAS**, student wellness is related to increased test scores, school attendance, grades, and graduation rates, while improving truancy and disciplinary rates; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2019, students at South San ISD addressed their board of trustees requesting that district funds be used to provide mental health programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Mobile Mental Wellness Collaborative (MMWC) was formed in direct response to this overwhelming need; and

**WHEREAS**, the MMWC is a collaboration of local nonprofits wanting to provide a holistic approach to mental wellness by breaking barriers and bringing services right into the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the direct mental health services provided by the MMWC provide vital early intervention for youth whose social/emotional/behavioral challenges can directly impede their education; and



**WHEREAS**, services also include education for teachers, parents, and staff in mental health awareness and how to recognize when a student may be experiencing difficulties and how to refer him/her for help; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has since expanded to include Harlandale ISD, Edgewood ISD, parts of San Antonio ISD and will continue to expand into additional districts during the current school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) seeks to enter into an agreement with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas (MMHPI) to establish the backbone of the MMWC; and

**WHEREAS**, the MMHPI is a data-driven, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports the implementation of policies and programs to obtain effective and efficient mental health care when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, MMHPI is Texas's most trusted source for results-oriented information and analysis of effective and efficient mental health policy and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, MMHPI works at the state, regional, and local levels to help mental health systems improve, share best practices, develop resources, and increase public awareness on the most effective ways to treat mental illness and help people recover; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work for the agreement with MMHPI includes identifying leadership and staffing needs, data administration, marketing, outreach to potential clients, technology, community engagement and the implementation of school-based behavioral and mental health counseling services;  
**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 agreement with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas for the implementation of the Mobile Mental Wellness Collaborative for an initial term ending September 30, 2022, with a one-year renewal option for a total amount up to \$1,147,336.00 inclusive of the renewal. Funding for the agreement is available and budgeted in the Health Disparities grant fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. Funding in the amount of \$315,190.00 is available from the FY 2022 Strategic Growth Plan Budget. The funding for the second-year costs in the amount of \$332,146.00 is subject to City Council Approval in FY 2023. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** Funding is available from Internal Order Number 136000001815 and Fund 2103600010 entitled "Health Disparities COVID", for a total amount up to \$500,000.00. Payment not to exceed the budgeted amount is authorized to the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas upon issuance of a purchase order.

**SECTION 3.** Funding is available from Internal Order Number 836000000161 and Fund 29836000 entitled "Health Donations", for a total amount up to \$315,190.00. Payment not to exceed the budgeted



amount is authorized to the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas upon issuance of 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 SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts 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 \_\_\_\_.

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**Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, Acting City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney