



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance approving a renewal and amendment to an agreement for physician services with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program to add \$9,973.00, increasing the compensation to an amount not to exceed \$109,712.00, for the renewal term ending June 30, 2023, for a total compensation amount up to \$209,451.00, inclusive of the renewal. Funding for this agreement is budgeted and available through the TB Medicaid Waiver Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves a renewal and amendment to an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) for tuberculosis (TB) physician services related to the treatment of patients with Latent TB Infection (LTBI) as part of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) participation in the Texas Department of State Health Services Tuberculosis Identification and Treatment Project (DSHS TB Project), a project of the Texas Medicaid 1115 Waiver to increase the compensation to an amount not to exceed \$109,712.00 during the renewal period beginning August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for a total compensation amount of \$209,451.00, inclusive of the renewal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Metro Health's TB Clinic manages a TB project which focuses on targeted testing and treatment for Latent TB Infection (LTBI) in high-risk populations to prevent these infections from evolving into active TB disease cases. Persons at higher risk for contracting TB may include refugees and foreign-born individuals, persons living in congregate settings such as homeless shelters and drug rehabilitation centers, and individuals living with HIV and diabetes.

Since January 12, 2017, Metro Health has received funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for Metro Health's participation in the Tuberculosis Identification and Treatment Project (TB Project) under the Texas Medicaid 1115 Waiver which supports the agreement with UTHSCT for physician services for LTBI. Most recently, through Ordinance 2022-01-27-0042, City Council authorized the acceptance of funding from DSHS for Metro Health's continued participation in the TB Project through June 30, 2023. This project continues to be implemented in partnership with DSHS Region 8, The Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID), University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the UTHSCT.

Metro Health's TB Clinic has relied on UTHSCT for physician services supporting the TB Clinic for the last seven years. During that time, physicians under previous agreements have provided full medical coverage for patients referred to the clinic for LTBI. This collaboration was founded upon the fact that UTHSCT is one of only four Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) TB Centers of Excellence (TB COEs) for Training, Education, and Medical Consultation in the United States (only one in Texas) funded by the CDC's Division of TB Elimination to provide medical and technical consultation services related to various aspects of TB control. As such, UTHSCT is the only entity with this level of expertise available within the state.

Through Ordinance 2021-12-09-0958, City Council authorized an agreement with UTHSCT for physician services related to the treatment of patients with LTBI for an amount up to \$99,739.00 with an option to renew for one, one-year term for a total amount of \$199,478.00. As a result of increased funding from DSHS through the TB Project, Metro Health seeks to increase the funding provided through the renewal term of the agreement with UTHSCT to allow for an increase in physician services related to the treatment of patients with LTBI through June 30, 2023.

This action requests City Council approve a renewal and amendment to an agreement with UTHSCT to increase funding in an amount up to \$109,712.00 for the renewal term through June 30, 2023 and a total compensation amount up to \$209,451.00 to allow for the continuation of TB physician services for high-risk individuals identified as having LTBI through increased targeted TB testing.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting approval of a renewal and amendment to an agreement with UTHSCT to provide TB physician services for the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program. TB infections continue to be a significant and expensive public health problem in Texas. A renewal and amendment to an agreement with UTHSCT will allow for continued targeted testing and treatment in high-risk populations for individuals with suspected LTBI and an increase in the amount of physician services available to provide services to patients with LTBI.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this agreement not be approved, Metro Health will not be able to increase the compensation to UTHSCT for physician services for the TB Project. Metro Health revert to utilizing the renewal option in the amount of \$99,739.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves a renewal and amendment to an agreement for physician services with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program to add \$9,973.00, increasing the compensation to an amount not to exceed \$109,712.00, for the renewal term ending June 30, 2023, for a total compensation amount up to \$209,451.00, inclusive of the renewal. Funding for this agreement is budgeted and available through the TB Medicaid Waiver Fund. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance to execute a renewal and amendment to an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for TB physician services related to the treatment of patients with Latent TB Infection and increase the compensation to an amount not to exceed \$109,712.00 during the renewal period ending June 30, 2023, for a total compensation amount of \$209,451.00, inclusive of the renewal.