

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Agreement with the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health to provide healthcare services at the Frank D. Wing Municipal Building Detention Center.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes an agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health for an initial two-year term with an option to renew for an additional two-years, in a total amount not to exceed \$842,689.37 annually. The purpose of this agreement is to provide on-site healthcare services to persons in custody at the Frank D. Wing Municipal Building Detention Center. Funding in the amount of \$842,689.37 is available from FY 2023 General Fund Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since 2018, the City has contracted with University Health System to provide a medical assessment of all arrested individuals arriving at the Municipal Detention facility, processing an average of 150 to 200 inmates daily. This twenty-four hour, seven day a week service enables City personnel to medically assess individuals under their custody for injuries, illnesses, or wounds. The medical team provides swift and efficient analysis of anyone that may require medical

attention upon their arrival, and while they are in the City's custody. Detainees are held until charges are filed and the individuals are magistrated by a Municipal Judge. The City is responsible for providing medical screening to detainees brought into the facility.

The UHS medical staff also conducts blood draws for SAPD's DWI Unit. The UHS medical team is responsible for scheduling, training of its personnel, and providing all necessary supplies. Further, the medical staff works with City personnel to address any emergent and unforeseen issues such as Covid-19, Monkey Pox, and Fentanyl abuse cases.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves an agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health for a two-year term in the amount of \$842,689.37 annually with an option to extend for an additional two-year term. The purpose of this agreement is to provide on-site healthcare services to persons in custody at the Frank D. Wing Municipal Building Detention Center.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City is responsible for providing medical screening to detainees brought into the facility. This contract allows the City to provide such services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes an agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health in the amount of \$842,689.37 for the first year of the agreement. The City Manager or designee is authorized to amend this agreement to provide for additional compensation not to exceed five percent for any subsequent year authorized under this agreement.

Funds for FY 2023 are available in the FY 2023 General Fund Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this contract.