



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Agreements with Empower House SA and Guardian House for Triple P Positive Parenting Program education services.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract with Empower House SA for Triple P Positive Parenting Program education services, Level 2 & 3 curricula, for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Triple P Positive Parenting Program in an amount up to \$40,000.00 annually and \$120,000.00 total for a term beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a total contract value up to \$200,000.00, inclusive of renewals.

This ordinance also authorizes the execution of a contract with Guardian House for Triple P Positive Parenting Program education services, Level 4 & 5 curricula, for the Metro Health's Triple P Positive Parenting Program in an amount up to \$40,000.00 annually and \$120,000.00 total per contract for a term beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a total contract value up to \$200,000.00, inclusive of renewals.

Funding for the initial year of both contracts in the amount of \$80,000.00 is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon City Council

approval of the annual budget and funds.

This ordinance also authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment in the following circumstances: (A) an increase in contract funding in an amount not exceeding (a) twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of this contract or (b) \$25,000.00, whichever is lesser amount; provided, however, that the cumulative total of all amendments increasing funding and executed without City Council approval pursuant to this subsection during the term of this contract shall not exceed the foregoing amount; (B) no cost extensions up to two years; and (C) modifications to the Scope of Work due to the adjustment described in subsection (A) of this Section or for any other reason, so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Metro Health's Violence Prevention Section facilitates Triple P programming across San Antonio and Bexar County as a child abuse prevention initiative. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is an evidence-based system of positive parenting and family support based on social learning, cognitive behavioral therapy, and developmental theory.

Childhood abuse is strongly associated with experiencing domestic violence as an adult, either as a perpetrator or victim, and child abuse cases in Bexar County are on the rise. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services reported higher rates of confirmed child abuse cases in Bexar County than the state of Texas overall each year for at least the past ten years. Besides being unacceptable, child abuse also predicts a future with continued violence in San Antonio. Triple P uses a multi-level system of interventions to shift norms across the population. Triple P's extensive research repeatedly supports this finding, as demonstrated in 980 studies including 135 randomized control trials. In the United States, studies reported a 13% reduction in hospitalizations from child abuse injuries, a 21% reduction in out-of-home placements, and a 31% reduction in confirmed child abuse cases in communities where the entire Triple P system was used.

Metro Health's Violence Prevention Section began utilizing the Triple P program in 2019 and continues to expand the population-level rollout of Triple P in San Antonio and Bexar County to duplicate the positive outcomes for families locally. The Triple P program provides training, peer support, and technical assistance to community agencies that implement the Triple P system, as well as direct service to parent participants with a range of Triple P interventions. The Triple P program reached 1,177 parent participants through at least one level of Triple P programming in FY 2023 and has reached 533 parent participants so far in FY 2024.

Collaborating with community organizations to offer Triple P programming expands the reach and scope of child abuse prevention work and strengthens existing community assets. Continued support and investment in Triple P will build practitioner agency capacity and support implementation of the Triple P system in the community to prevent child abuse and provide support to families who have experienced the negative systemic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent increase in need for child abuse prevention efforts. Furthermore, parenting support aids in the fulfillment of the goals included under the Violence Prevention

priority area of Metro Health's SA Forward Plan.

The City issued (2) Request for Proposals (RFP). An RFP for Triple P Parenting Classes – Levels 2 and 3 (RFP 23-122, 6100017332) was released on October 6, 2023, with a submission deadline of November 17, 2023; additionally, an RFP seeking proposals for a qualified vendor for the administration of Triple P Positive Parenting Program education specifically for Levels 4 and 5 (RFP 24-067, 6100017747) on April 3, 2024, with a submission deadline of May 3, 2024. Both RFPs were advertised in the Hartbeat, TVSA Channel, the City's Bidding and Contracting Opportunities website, the San Antonio e-Procurement System, and an email notification was released to a list of potential respondents. Two proposal responses were received in response for the RFP for Levels 2 and 3. One firm was deemed non-responsive for failing to provide a complete offering for all pricing categories. The one remaining proposal was responsive and deemed eligible for review. For the RFP for Levels 4 and 5, only one response was received and deemed eligible for review. The evaluation committees for both RFPs consisted of representatives from Metro Health. The Finance Department, Procurement Division assisted by ensuring compliance with the City procurement policies and procedures. The proposals received for each RFP were evaluated based on the firm's experience, background and qualifications, proposed plan, price, the Local Preference Program, and the Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program. Additional categories of consideration included references.

For the RFP for Levels 2 and 3, the evaluation committee met on March 7, 2024, and for the RFP for Levels 4 and 5, the evaluation committee met on June 18, 2024. At both meetings, the evaluation committees discussed the sole respondent's proposal that was received for the respective RFP. After both committees' review and discussion, Empower House SA was recommended for award for Levels 2 and 3, and Guardian House was recommended for award for Levels 4 and 5 based on consensus scoring.

The initial terms of the agreements shall begin October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. Two additional one-year renewals at the City's option shall also be authorized by this ordinance.

**ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of agreements with Empower House SA and Guardian House for Triple P Positive Parenting Program education to support Violence Prevention efforts implemented by Metro Health's Triple P Positive Parenting Program in a combined amount up to \$200,000.00 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, with options to renew for two, one-year terms, for a total cumulative value up to \$400,000.00, inclusive of renewals. Funding for the initial year of both contracts is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed Budget.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to the lack of small, minority, and/or women businesses available to provide these professional services.

The Local Preference Program and the Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program were applicable to these solicitations; however, since only one responsive proposal per solicitation was

received and deemed eligible for evaluation, the programs were not scored. Rather, the evaluation committees reviewed and scored the proposals via consensus evaluation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should these contracts not be approved, Metro Health will need to seek an alternate means to provide Triple P Positive Parenting education.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of agreements with Empower House SA and Guardian House for Triple P Positive Parenting Program education for an amount up to \$40,000.00 annually and \$120,000.00 total per contract, for terms beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, with options to renew for two, one-year terms, for amounts up to \$40,000.00 per renewal and a total value up to \$400,000.00, inclusive of renewals.

Funding for the initial year of both contracts in the amount of \$80,000.00 is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget and funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

These contracts were procured by means of Request for Proposals and Contracts Disclosure Forms are required.