

# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH, Director of Health

**SUBJECT:** 

Contract with UTHSCSA Dental School

DATE:

February 9, 2006

#### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract in the amount of \$150,000.00 with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) Dental School for the provision of comprehensive dental care services to children at the Ricardo Salinas Public Health Clinic located at 630 South General McMullen Drive for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

Staff recommends approval.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As part of the FY 2006 General Fund Operating Budget, City Council authorized \$150,000.00 in support of the Ricardo Salinas Pediatric Dental Care Program. Through this collaboration, which is into its third year, the UTHSCSA Dental School provides preventive and treatment services to children ages 1 through 14 in the Ricardo Salinas Clinic. Services include fluoride treatments, sealants, routine cleaning, fillings, extractions, and dental health education. The program serves as an important complement to community dental health efforts because it frequently receives referrals from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) Dental Program for the more complicated procedures and services, especially those which require general anesthesia.

Through this agreement, the Dental School will provide services for an estimated 3,800 patient visits during the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. Moreover, patients will receive state-of the-art care while dental residents obtain practical experience under the supervision of top dental professionals.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

Acceptance of this contract with the UTHSCSA Dental School will allow contracting with an outside source for professional services to be provided at a reasonable cost to the City.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the General Fund which was allocated in the FY 2006 City Operating Budget to continue operations at the Ricardo Salinas Clinic by the UTHSCSA Dental School.

#### **COORDINATION**

The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the contract with UTHSCSA. The Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department have been apprised of this action.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

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