

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 15

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

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

SUBJECT: Title V Family Planning Program

DATE: February 16, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a contract change for \$73,622.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to renew funding support for the ongoing Title V Family Planning Program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the period January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006. This ordinance will also adopt the program budget, approve the personnel complement, and authorize payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Manager was authorized to execute the Public Health State Support Project 2005/2006 contract 7460020708A 2006 with TDSHS through an ordinance passed and approved on October 20, 2005 providing annual assistance to the City in support of the core public health activities provided by the SAMHD. Contract changes are made throughout the term of the contract in order to renew grant programs when their terms expire. TDSHS has now offered a contract change totaling \$73,622.00 through Contract Change Notice No. 03, Attachment 05 to renew support for the ongoing Title V Family Planning Program in the SAMHD for the period January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

The Title V grant is a fee-for-service contract with funding ceilings. This grant supplements SAMHD efforts to provide comprehensive preventive health services to uninsured, low income women and children who are not eligible for other medical assistance such as Medicaid and CHIP. In Bexar County approximately 100,000 women would qualify for Title V benefits.

The Title V Family Planning Program provides family planning services for women who do not qualify for Medicaid or have no health insurance and live below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (e.g., a total yearly income of up to \$34,872.00 for a family of four). Annually, this funding assists SAMHD in providing services to 5,100 women of child-bearing age, providing physical examinations, health counseling, follow-up and referral to other agencies. The services are provided at ten public health clinics located throughout the city.

The personnel complement of this activity has decreased from last year's twenty-one (21) positions to eight (8) positions. The reason for the decrease is that TDSHS reduced funding to local health departments in order to comply with a legislative mandate to increase funding to Federally Qualified Health Centers, by \$351,388.00. This loss in funds created a need to reduce personnel. Of the thirteen positions eliminated on the grant, four (4) positions were vacant and nine (9) were filled. The nine employees were able to be placed in other positions within the SAMHD.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance of this grant from TDSHS will continue the long-standing practice of utilizing Federal and State aid to support local public health programs of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

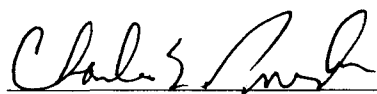
This contract change provides \$73,622.00 to renew support for the ongoing Title V Family Planning Program for the period January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006. In addition, this budget includes estimated Title V patient co-payments of \$500.00 (to be deposited back into the grant fund), for a total budget of \$74,122.00.

COORDINATION

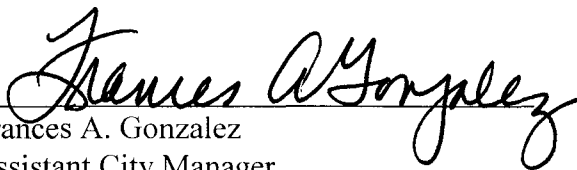
The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the contract with TDSHS. This ordinance has also been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

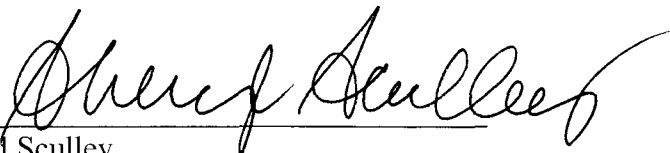


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