

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH, Director of Health
SUBJECT: Cities Readiness Initiative
DATE: March 2, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a contract change totaling \$200,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to support the Cities Readiness Initiative in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the period January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006. In addition, this ordinance will adopt the program budget, and authorize payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Manager was authorized to execute the Public Health State Support Project 2004/2005 contract with TDSHS through an ordinance passed and approved on January 13, 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 \$200,000.00 through Contract Change Notice No. 14, Attachment 15 to support for the Cities Readiness Initiative in the SAMHD for the period January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

The Cities Readiness Initiative is a program to enhance the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planning efforts with our local response partners and provide the initial funding for the planning stage to coordinate SNS response activities among the surrounding counties known as the Metropolitan Service Area (MSA). The population among the MSA is very fluid on a day to day basis, people from the rural counties coming into the City of San Antonio for employment, shopping, school activities. CRI will provide the framework to build a response system to allow for the City's increased population during the daytime hours. The planning will provide for the standardization of the Bioterrorism Response Planning among Bexar, Atascosa, Wilson, Guadalupe, Comal, Kendall, Bandera, and Medina Counties. The planning activities will include the standardization of Point of Dispensing (POD) selection, adopting dispensing procedures, Public Information, Tactical Communications, Command and Control, Security, Dispensing Medical Materials to Treatment Centers, Controlling SNS Inventory, and Training, Exercising' and evaluation.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Passage of this ordinance will continue the long-standing practice of utilizing State Aid to support the local public health programs of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

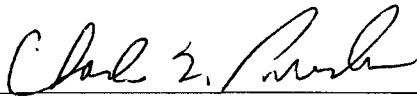
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COORDINATION

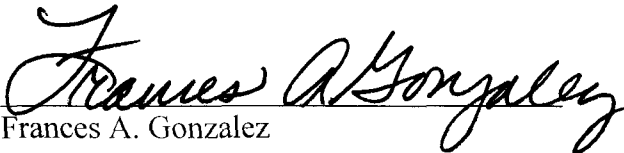
The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the contract with TDSHS. This ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

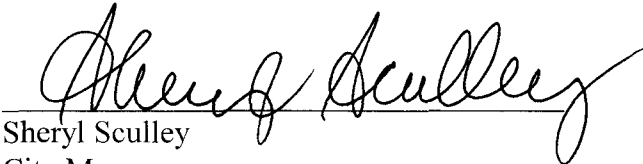


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Approved for Council Consideration:



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