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

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TO:

Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

Letter of Agreement the With Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc.

DATE:

March 2, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a letter of agreement with the Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc. for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) to participate in the Care Van® Program whereby SAMHD will obtain free use of a specially equipped van to support community immunization efforts and related public health activities, at no cost to the City.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc. (CFC) is a nonprofit corporation that operates the Care Van Program, an effort that provides collaborators with a specially equipped van, free of charge, to promote age-appropriate immunizations for children and senior citizens. CFC owns and maintains all Care Vans and, through lead sponsor Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, provides support for Care Van Program activities, in collaboration with local immunization coalitions and public health providers.

In exchange for the use of the van, SAMHD will be responsible for overall management and scheduling of the Care Van when it is being utilized in Bexar County; assignment and recruitment of appropriate health care professionals to administer services; and supervision of City employees assigned to operate the vehicle. The City will maintain vehicle liability insurance for all authorized Care Van activities and assigned operators.

CFC, in cooperation with City, shall be responsible for maintenance, repair and all other costs associated with the mechanical operation of the Care Van, including fuel costs. The City will be reimbursed for all properly documented expenses and costs that may be incurred in the maintenance and repair of the vehicle.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This proposed Letter of Agreement is consistent with similar arrangements that coordinate the use of resources for the benefit of City and County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

CFC will pay all maintenance and operation costs associated with the Care Van.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Human Resources Department, 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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