

**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:** 2006 Immunization Project

**DATE:** March 23, 2006

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept the calendar year 2006 grant award from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the ongoing Immunization Project of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD). This further authorizes the City Manager to accept the Round 1 grant award increment of \$948,000.00 in financial support and \$33,300.00 in-kind personnel support, adopt the project budget, and approve the personnel complement. Round 1 funding represents about thirty-five percent (35%) of the anticipated award from CDC for the Immunization Project. Additional rounds of funding will occur during the grant period to a total of \$3,042,390.00 for the year.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States Public Health Services (USPHS), the SAMHD administers an ongoing Immunization Project that works to reduce disease morbidity by maximizing the number of children immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, rubella, mumps, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, haemophilus influenza b, varicella, pneumonia, hepatitis A & B, and meningitis. The project has two components, the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) and the 317 Childhood Immunization Program (Section 317). The VFC Program provides vaccines recommended by the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to 213 VFC-enrolled providers in San Antonio. This program targets children who are eligible for Medicaid and those who are either uninsured or underinsured (i.e. insurance does not cover immunizations). In addition, the VFC program provides support for project personnel and infrastructure. The 317 Program provides project staff support as well as vaccines to VFC and SAMHD providers and targets children seen in those settings who are not eligible for VFC vaccine (e.g. undocumented children). During 2005, SAMHD clinics administered 206,221 immunizations and VFC providers gave 296,159 immunizations under these programs.

It should be noted that the CDC is making an important change in all VFC and 317 Programs throughout the nation this year in order to improve delivery of vaccine to the providers. Instead of having grantees (such as SAMHD) order and distribute vaccine to the providers, CDC will hire an outside contractor to furnish this service. This will free SAMHD staff to give more education on vaccine administration to providers and to insure better oversight and quality assurance of provider

activities. However, this means that the budget for the program will appear drastically reduced because the \$10 million dollars in vaccine assistance previously carried on the Notice of Grant Award will no longer be listed (i.e. the total budget for the program will be about \$10 million less than last year).

The estimated date of implementation of this Vaccine Management Business Improvement Plan is October 2006. The personnel complement will remain at sixty-one (61) positions for this project, the same as CY 2005.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

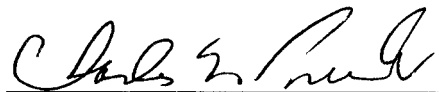
This ordinance will allow the SAMHD to receive an initial funding of \$948,000.00 in financial support and \$33,300.00 in-kind personnel for the 2006 Immunization Project, a total of \$981,300.00.

### **COORDINATION**

The Finance Department, Human Resources Department, and Risk Management have reviewed and approved the grant award. This ordinance has also been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

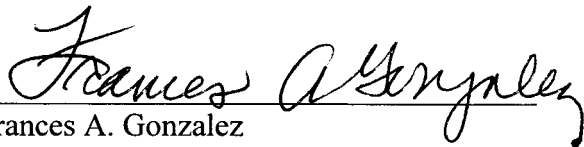
### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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