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:

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Staff Support Program

DATE:

March 23, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a contract change totaling \$336,254.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to renew support for the ongoing Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Staff Support Program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. This ordinance will also adopt the program budget and approve the personnel complement.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Through an ordinance passed and approved on January 26, 2006, the City Manager was authorized to execute the Public Health State Support Project 2006/2007 Contract 7460020708 2007 with TDSHS, providing annual assistance to the City to support 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 \$336,254.00 through Contract Change 02, Attachment No. 03 to renew support for the ongoing Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Staff Support Program in the SAMHD. Personnel in this program conduct disease investigations and counseling to control and prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, especially syphilis and HIV/AIDS. Last year the program served 8,149 high-risk clients and provided education and behavioral modification classes to over 3200 individuals at risk for these diseases.

This year's funding of \$336,254.00 is \$15,000.00 more than last year. The additional support was awarded to enhance personnel training for disease surveillance.

POLICY ANALYSIS

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

FISCAL IMPACT

This TDSHS contract provides \$336,254.00 to renew grant support for the ongoing STD Staff Support Program in the SAMHD.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed 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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