

**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: UTHSCSA, Patient Navigation Research Program

DATE: April 20, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a sub-award agreement up to \$122,564.00 from University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the SAMHD to collect data on disadvantaged women with abnormal cancer screening results through August 31, 2006; adopting the program budget; and approving the personnel complement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio National Center of Excellence in Women's Health has been awarded a five (5) year intervention research project through the National Institute of Health (NIH) to reduce cancer health disparities. This intervention project is directed toward determining the various barriers and issues involved in women seeking cancer care services and completing the prescribed cancer treatment regime. This study will be based on NIH's Cancer Patient Navigator theoretical framework of care. UTHSCSA, one of nine (9) project grantees, is partnering with SAMHD to target Hispanic women with abnormal findings/diagnoses related to breast and cervical cancer.

The sub-award will fund two (2) Senior Public Health Nurse positions and partially offset the cost of a Nursing Supervisor and a Management Analyst who will devote 20% of their time to the project. The population for the study will be selected from clients attending Southwest Branch Public Health Clinic at 9011 Poteet-Jourdanton Highway and Zarzamora Public Health Clinic at 4403 S. Zarzamora.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance and execution of this sub-award will follow the City practice of utilizing Federal, State and other funds to provide public health services for the residents of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

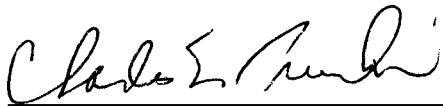
This ordinance will allow the City to accept up to \$122,564.00 for the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006.

COORDINATION

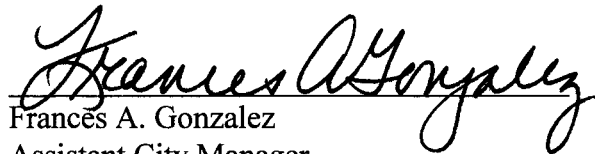
The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the attached sub-award contract. SAMHD has coordinated this item with the Office of Management and Budget and Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

It should be noted that, although the grant was to have started on September 1, 2005, the project was delayed for several months until UTHSCSA obtained approval from its Institutional Review Board. It is anticipated this sub-award will be renewed for four (4) additional years.

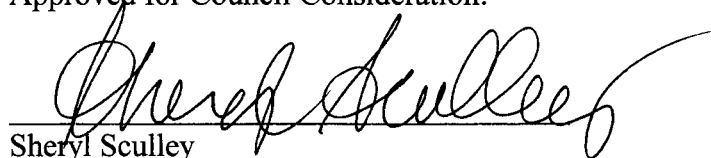


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Approved for Council Consideration:



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