

To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: Gwen J. Sims, Interim Executive Director, Public Health Services
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Prepared By: William Hudson, Director, Office of Financial & Support Services

Subject: Amendment to MOA with HCPH and CDC Foundation
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Project ID (If applicable):

Purpose and Request:

..title
 Request for approval of an amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement with Harris County Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc.
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Background and Discussion:

CDC Foundation members play a vital role in the HCPH’s ongoing response to COVID-19 in the greater Houston area. These individuals have been employed primarily as case investigators in our Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), where they investigate COVID-19 cases within congregate setting, such as schools, nursing homes & workplace. Another area of great importance to HCPH’s overall COVID-response mission is the processing and investigation of “probably cases”, or those investigations that arise from positive antigen results, which are also handled by our CDC Foundation members.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: <i>[Please provide service or division where expenditure will be used]*</i>			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget			
Please Identify Funding Source (General Fund, PIC, Special Revenue, Grant, Etc.)			
<i>[INSERT FUNDING SOURCE HERE]*</i>			
Total Sources			

Alternatives:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

- Enhance HCPH capacity to conduct local surveillance and assessment activities in order to monitor health and environmental conditions with an emphasis on the priority public health issues.

Attachments:

Court letter

Court order

Amendment

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COVID-19 ITEM

March 17, 2021

The Honorable Judge Lina Hidalgo
and Commissioners Court
Harris County Administration Building
1001 Preston, Room 938
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Court Members:

We respectfully request approval of the attached amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement with Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and The National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. The purpose of this amendment is to change the funding period effective August 12, 2020 ending June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact William Hudson, HCPH Director of Office of Financial & Support Services at (713) 439-6000 or William.Hudson@phs.hctx.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen J. Sims". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gwen J. Sims, MEd, RD, LD
Interim Executive Director

HCPH is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community.

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AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

FIRST AMENDMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (the "Amendment") is entered into on **March 31, 2021** ("Effective Date") by and between the Harris County Public Health ("HCPH") and National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. ("CDC Foundation").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HCPH and the CDC Foundation entered into that certain Memorandum of Agreement effective September 1, 2020 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, HCPH and the CDC Foundation now desire to amend the terms of the Agreement as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the CDC Foundation and HCPH hereby agree to the following terms, conditions, standards, and provisions of the contract as follows:

AGREEMENT

- Section 2.2 Responsibilities of the CDC Foundation is hereby amended with the addition of the following bullet point:
 - The following CDC Foundation positions/staff may continue through the Termination Date:

CDC Foundation Staff Name	Title	Assigned Worksite
Jasmine Chambers-Carlisle	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Kubiat Patrick	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Qusai Amirali	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Shameer Kunnathpeedikayil	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Chappel Whitley	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Madeline Bernard	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Jennifer Akpo	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Jennifer Garza	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Tania Wahed	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Kurt Koopmann	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Antoinette Smith	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Charla Burns	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Abhishek Dewangan	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH
Jonika Tannous	Epidemiology Investigator	HCPH

- Section "3.1", Effective Dates is hereby amended by deleting March 31, 2021 and inserting the following in lieu thereof: **June 30, 2021 ("Termination Date")**
- Section "3.2", Termination is hereby amended and restated in its entirety, and shall hereafter be and read as follows:

3.2 Termination. Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement, for any reason or for no reason, prior to the Termination Date by providing written notice.

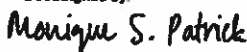
- 4. Except as provided in the Amendment, all terms used in this Amendment that are not otherwise defined shall have the respective meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.
- 5. All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended remain in full force and effect. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provision of the Agreement and this Amendment, the provisions of this Amendment shall control and govern.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties' duly authorized representatives have hereunto signed this Amendment on the dates indicated.

Harris County, Texas

CDC Foundation

 Lina Hidalgo
 County Judge

DocuSigned by:


 Monique S. Patrick
 COO


 Date

3/16/2021 | 3:55:34 PM EDT

 Date

Approved as to Legal Form
 Christian D. Menefee
 County Attorney

By: Marva Gay (by nca) 3-18-2021
 Marva Gay, Assistant County Attorney
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 Interim Executive Director

3/23/2021

 Date