



Legislation Text

File #: 21-6531, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzales, Sheriff

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Memorandum of Understanding

Project ID (if applicable): Educational Initiative Program

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Baylor College of Medicine

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an agreement with Baylor College of Medicine for the purpose of establishing and implementing a health literacy program involving the facilities and personnel of HCSO and BCM students.

Background and Discussion:

Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) operates a medical school that provides academic programs and courses with respect to healthcare. BCM, through its students on a strictly volunteer basis desires to offer health classes to the incarcerated population at Harris County jail with the aim of increasing health literacy. Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) desires to cooperate with BCM to establish and implement a health literacy program involving the facilities and personnel of HCSO.

Expected Impact:

With approval of the agreement of affiliation, HCSO will be able to obtain volunteer medical students to teach health classes to inmates. These health classes can increase the inmates' knowledge and understanding of common medical illnesses seen in Harris County and particularly in the incarcerated population. The program will also expose medical students to the field of Correctional Healthcare and help them better understand the need for knowledgeable and compassionate physicians to work in correctional healthcare. This exposure may lead to an increased understanding of the unique field of correctional medicine and may also lead to an increased number of medical students choosing a career in Correctional Medicine, caring for incarcerated patients.

Alternative Options: There are currently no alternative options.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any): None

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable): 701North San Jacinto, 1200 Baker Street, 700 North San Jacinto (JPC)

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		-	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		-	-	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				

Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: Upon Commissioners Court Approval (January 2022)

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable):

Memo

Affiliation Agreement

Court Order