



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0538, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Interlocal Agreement

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an interlocal agreement with the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD for participation in ACCESS Harris County for the period of January 31, 2023 through January 31, 2024 with four one-year renewal options.

Background and Discussion:

On July 20, 2021, the Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously passed a resolution to create the countywide Initiative, Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency Harris County (ACCESS Harris County) as part of its overall strategic priorities to strengthen service delivery to support the County's most vulnerable, high needs residents in order to achieve self-sufficiency, recovery, and well-being. The Initiative will achieve this objective by identifying vulnerable county residents who are experiencing a myriad of challenges related to social, economic, health and behavioral health, substance use, unemployment, community/individual violence issues, and criminal justice involvement and will work to provide the help they need. ACCESS Harris County is an integrated, care-coordination model that works across County safety net departments and community-based organizations to establish multidisciplinary or care coordination teams. These teams are designed to deliver coordinated and integrated services across systems and programs that focuses on supporting a client holistically, addressing multiple needs that ensure better outcomes and greater stability.

Expected Impact:

The objectives of ACCESS Harris County are to:

- To improve the health, well-being, sustained recovery, and self-sufficiency of the County's most vulnerable residents
- To develop and implement a plan to coordinate agency services and reduce duplication of services
- To improve integrated services delivery referrals, access, and sustained engagement of clients
- To develop strategies and policies for improved efficiencies, better utilization, and better outcomes

- To develop an integrated data sharing system to support care coordination across agencies

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

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

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A		

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	ACCESS Harris		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
	\$	\$	\$

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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 Court Date: January 31, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): January 31, 2023

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Interlocal Agreement