



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2790, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

9/14/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care for mental health, transitional housing, and substance use treatment services for clients of the Downtown Austin Community Court, for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$672,000, with four 12-month renewal options not to exceed \$672,000 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,360,000.

### **Lead Department**

Downtown Austin Community Court

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$672,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget

### **Prior Council Action:**

On August 16, 2023, Council approved Ordinance No. 20230816-008 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

### **For More Information:**

Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (512) 974-1394.

### **Additional Backup Information :**

Prior to 1999, the City and Travis County purchased substance use treatment services through multiple agencies with eligibility determinations made and services provided by the individual organizations pursuant to the terms of their respective contracts. The auditing of services was performed retrospectively by City staff.

The Interlocal Agreement for the Managed Services Organization (MSO) between the City, Travis County, and Integral Care originated in 1999. The City and County developed the Interlocal Agreement in order to contract for substance use treatment services utilizing an MSO approach. The purpose of this approach is to better coordinate and standardize substance use treatment services for the community and to designate the target populations to be served, eligibility criteria, services to be covered, and expected outcomes according to those standards and requirements. As the local authority for mental health and mental retardation services with extensive experience in this area, Integral Care serves as the MSO under the agreement in order to prevent duplication of administrative services and promote a continuum of care for clients. The agreement also facilitates the coordination of City and County funded services with state funded services in order to maximize leveraging of all available funds.

The Downtown Austin Community Court's (DACC's) Intensive Case Management team is proactively seeking the target population through DACC's Court Services and through the implementation of outreach efforts, including collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), in order to engage individuals in intensive services, and anticipates a continued increase in requests for assistance.

Approval of this item will authorize DACC to negotiate and execute an agreement with Travis County and

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Integral Care to continue to provide mental health, transitional housing and substance use treatment services for clients of the Downtown Austin Community Court. In the model established under the agreement, individuals are authorized and then served by organizations in the network that provide the assessment and treatment of eligible clients. In addition, the following MSO functions are provided: Credentialing, Gate Functions, Utilization Management, Quality Management, Management Information Systems, Financial Management, Administration/Contract Management, and Network Development and Management as set forth in the agreement and specified by the City and County.