



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of July 8, 2014
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2014

DATE: 6/26/2014
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**Texas Medicaid Managed Care Initiative -1115 Waiver
Community Paramedicine Program (CPP)
Approval of grant award and appropriation of funds**

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$500,000 from the unreserved fund balance in the No. 1020 General Fund to implement the Community Paramedicine Program under the Corpus Christi – Nueces County Public Health District's 1115 Transformation Waiver; changing the FY 2013-2014 operating budget adopted by ordinance No 029915 by increasing expenditures by \$500,000.

PURPOSE:

The TX HHSC/CMS Delivery System Reform Payment (DSRIP) will allow the Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District (CCNCPHD), in close collaboration with the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to implement a Community Paramedicine Program (CPP) in Nueces County as an expanded scope of practice which will increase access to primary/specialty care and provide preventative care, reducing inappropriate hospital utilization and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (911 system) for non-emergent medical needs leaving EMS and Emergency Departments (ED) to handle emergent patient/community needs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) recently approved the State's request for a new Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" in accordance with section 1115 of the Social Security Act. Texas Medicaid Managed Care Initiative also referred to as the "1115 Waiver". This waiver authorizes Texas to establish a DSRIP program. Initiatives under the DSRIP program are designed to provide incentive payments to hospitals, public health departments, behavioral health centers, as well as other eligible providers, to invest in delivery system alternatives that increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families served.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, CCFD- EMS responded to 34,736 medical calls and transported approximately 21,600 patients to local hospitals within Nueces County. An estimated 80% (27,789) of these calls/transportations were generated as a result of the patient needing access to primary/specialty health care, not due to an immediate life threatening emergency. This project would increase access to primary/specialty care for individuals who reside in the rural areas of Nueces County and patients in the City of Corpus Christi with limited or inadequate access to care. The County does not currently have a mobile monitoring program for EMS-CCFD or ED patients other than records of recurring EMS calls and transports to ED. The goal of this project is to reduce the utilization of the EMS system for non-emergent health care needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

To not implement a Community Paramedicine Program in this area.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval required for appropriation of \$500,000 from the unreserved fund balance in the 1020 general fund.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District
 Legal
 Finance-Federal Grants and office of management and budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		0	\$365,000	\$365,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0	0	0
This item		\$500,000	0	\$500,000
BALANCE		\$500,000	\$365,000	\$865,000

Fund(s): 1020 unreserved fund

Comments: A matching Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) is required at approximately a 42%/58% ratio in order to receive DSRIP funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this agenda item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

CMS Award Letter

Timeline