

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA COLLEGE OF NURSING FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD ENDING APRIL 19, 2019 WITH THREE AUTOMATIC ONE YEAR RENEWALS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF VARIOUS HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education provides oversight over the postsecondary accreditation system through the review of all federally-recognized accrediting agencies; and

WHEREAS, accrediting agencies are held responsible for ensuring any accreditation standards are effectively enforced; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education maintains a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies that have been determined as reliable authorities pursuant to the quality of education and training provided by institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, as the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, Metro Health is approached by educational institutions to allow the students of these institutions to participate in Metro Health's activities to gain experience in various areas of education; and

WHEREAS, these areas include, but are not limited to, nursing, phlebotomy, medical physician services, epidemiology and other public health related professions; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1983, City Council authorized the Director of Health to enter into agreements with local educational institutions for the purpose of practical experiences for students through Ordinance No. 56673; and

WHEREAS, these educational experiences are beneficial to both the students and Metro Health; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health is an organization dedicated to providing leadership and promoting public health as a career option for new professionals who have a desire to work together to carry out the mission of public health; and

WHEREAS, through these educational experiences, Metro Health has collaboratively provided real world experiences to students allowing them to develop skills that cannot be taught in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health continues to receive requests from students attending educational institutions outside of San Antonio and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, these students are often originally from San Antonio but chose to receive an education in another city or state; and

WHEREAS, agreements with nonlocal accredited educational institutions will allow Metro Health to expand collaborations with institutions outside of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with the University of South Alabama College of Nursing will provide nursing students the ability to gain working knowledge in the career of nursing and public health; and

WHEREAS, students will learn to apply their knowledge in areas of clinical specialization to contribute to the health and illness needs of clients in the public health setting; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration provides a mutually beneficial relationship between Metro Health and the University of South Alabama College of Nursing and allows students to fulfill the internship requirements set forth by the University; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) or his designee is authorized to execute an agreement with the University of South Alabama College of Nursing for the provision of public health experience through Metro Health for a period ending April 19, 2019 with three automatic one year renewals. A copy of the agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee or the Director of Metro Health is further authorized to enter into agreements with accredited educational institutions to provide practical experience in public health activities for students of various health professions.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost

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Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day _____.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney