



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Colleen M. Bridger MPH, PhD

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City-Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

Authorizing the execution of a contract and acceptance of funds from the Bexar County Medical Society Alliance in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccinations and Cancer awareness education during “Back to School” Immunization Drives starting August 2017

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes Metro Health to enter into a contract and accept funds from the Bexar County Medical Society Alliance in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used for HPV Vaccinations and Cancer awareness education during “Back to School” Immunization Drives starting August 2017.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Bexar County Medical Society Alliance applied to and was approved by the Texas Medical Association Foundation through the Be Wise-Immunize initiative for funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of providing the funds to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District’s (Metro Health) Immunization Program. The funds will be used for HPV Vaccinations and Cancer awareness education during “Back to School” Immunization Drives starting August 2017. Specifically the funds will pay the administration fees for up to 168 children eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program so they may receive the HPV vaccination at no cost.

### **ISSUE:**

Starting at age 11-12, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that girls and boys be vaccinated for HPV to prevent certain types of cancer later in life. Many uninsured children go without the vaccination due to inability to pay. This grant will pay the administration fees required for uninsured children so they may receive the vaccine at no cost.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Without these funds, uninsured children will not receive HPV vaccinations at no cost. In order to receive the vaccine, they will have to pay for the administrative fee.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact on the General Fund.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council approves Metro Health entering into a contract to accept \$2,500.00 from the Bexar County Medical Society Alliance to be used to fund the administrative fee for uninsured children's HPV vaccinations.