



# 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 of an Agreement with Jennifer Meyer Bankler, D.D.S. for Oral Health Program services

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a professional services agreement with Jennifer Meyer Bankler, D.D.S. to serve as the Dental Director for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health Program in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for a term beginning October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, and further provides two, one-year renewal options.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On an annual basis, the Metro Health Oral Health Program provides diagnostic and preventive care to more than 22,000 children living in poverty by providing services in non-traditional settings such as Head Start, Early Head Start and on campuses of local Title I elementary schools. Through these programs, many children are identified with additional dental treatment needs beyond the scope of Metro Health services. Case management services are provided by Metro Health dental staff to ensure participating children receive needed treatment and to connect families to a source of ongoing care in the community. Additionally, oversight of dental clinic operations requires a licensed dentist per Texas law.

On May 1, 2017, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to solicit responses from qualified respondents for professional dental clinic director services. The City held a pre-submittal conference at 111 Riverview

Towers on May 5, 2017 to answer questions from potential respondents. The proposal was advertised to the public in the San Antonio Express News, the City's website, TVSA (Spectrum Cable Channel 21) and 29 outreach notices were sent to existing City, current Metro Health, and locally-registered firms, notifying them of the RFQ and how to apply.

The RFQ closed on June 2, 2017; two (2) responses were received and both were submitted to the Evaluation Committee for scoring. The three-member evaluation Committee included representatives from Metro Health. The Evaluation Committee met on June 27, 2017 to evaluate the proposals.

Vendors were evaluated based on the firm's qualifications, experience, quality of service, previous performance, reference review, proposed plan and price schedule. The evaluation of each proposal is based on a total of 100 points; 40 points allotted for experience, background, qualifications; 35 points allotted for the proposed plan and 25 points allotted for the respondent's price schedule.

Based on the evaluation of the proposals submitted, the Evaluation Committee recommended accepting the proposal from Jennifer Meyer Bankler, D.D.S. to provide dental clinic director services for Metro Health's Oral Health Program.

An agreement with Dr. Bankler will allow for a continuation of care for Metro Health patients as well as professional consultation services related to Metro Health's dental clinic operations and community outreach programs. Professional consultation services will include the development and implementation of program initiatives to improve the oral health of the community, as well as related service delivery plans, performance measures and evaluation activities.

## **ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests Council authorization to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Jennifer Bankler in an amount up to \$120,000.00 to serve as the Dental Director for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health Program and provide oral health evaluations, preventive care and dental case management services.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

If this agreement is not authorized, Metro Health will need to identify an alternative mechanism for which to provide programmatic oversight for continued patient oral care, education and program coordination services for the Oral Health Program.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding requirement for the professional services agreement with Dr. Jennifer Bankler in an amount up to \$120,000.00 is for a term beginning October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, and provides the opportunity to renew the agreement for two (2), one-year terms. Funding for this agreement is provided by three (3) funding sources to include, \$80,000.00 from the 1115 Medicaid Waiver, \$10,000.00 from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Title V Health and Dental Grant, and

\$30,000.00 from the General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Jennifer Meyer Bankler, D.D.S in an amount up to \$120,000.00 to serve as the Dental Director for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health Program.