



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This is a standing contract for use for mass clinics in the event of a pandemic--part of PHMDC's preparation for a public health emergency. While this contract is not included in the PHMDC operating budget, the department has an emergency preparedness grant that can be used to help cover costs. During the most recent pandemic (H1N1 in 2009 and 2010) federal funding was available to cover the costs of the department's response. It is anticipated that if there is another pandemic sufficiently widespread to require mass clinics, federal funding will again be available. No appropriation is required.

Title

Authorization for Purchase of Services agreement with Home Health United

Body

[PREAMBLE

During the response to H1N1, Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) contracted with Home Health United (HHU Xtra Care, Inc.) to provide nurses for both school-based immunization clinics and the two mass immunization clinics. Since that time, PHMDC has maintained a standing agreement with Home Health in the event that PHMDC does not have sufficient nurses available to conduct clinics, typically a mass or school clinic that PHMDC is conducting in response to a public health emergency. The contract with HHU has expired, and both parties would like to enter into a new contract.

Body:

WHEREAS Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is responsible for emergency preparedness planning, and

WHEREAS PHMDC has developed plans to conduct school-based and mass immunization clinics in response to a public health emergency should that be indicated, and

WHEREAS PHMDC does not have sufficient staff available to conduct such clinics, HHU Xtra Care, Inc. is able to provide contract nurses to assist with such clinics, and

WHEREAS, under the Intergovernmental Agreement that created the joint health department, PHMDC must follow the City's purchasing policies and the City's purchasing policies require council authorization for service contracts over \$25,000 if the contractor was not selected with a formal RFP; and

WHEREAS, a formal selection process was not used to select HHU for this contract because PHMDC is happy with HHU's performance during the H1N1 outbreak and desires to renew the contract to provide continuity and coverage in the case of an emergency, and MGO 4.26(4)(a)7. allows the use of a contractor who has provided similar services in the past, with council approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health-Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into a purchase of services agreement with HHU Xtra Care, Inc. to provide contract nurses in the event that PHMDC does not have sufficient nurses available to conduct clinics, with an initial term of two years for up to \$25,000 per year, with up to two (2) additional one-year renewals and authorizes the Director of Public Health-Madison and Dane County to sign the agreement.

