

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Clerk

AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2013

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Richarda Duffy Momsen 541-4531

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

That the City Council of the City of El Paso approve a resolution for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipal Court of the City Of El Paso and Project Vida Health Center. This understanding will be of no cost to the City of El Paso.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The Municipal Court will refer Juveniles to Project Vida's Teen Outreach Program. Project Vida's Teen Outreach Program will provide juveniles the opportunity to work together with other teens to make a difference in the community. The juveniles will attend weekly peer meetings/classes and discuss such topics as, relationships, boundaries, goal setting, communication, conflict management, hygiene, among others. The juveniles will also work together on a community service learning project. They will come up with ideas and execute their plans, which will account for community service hours. The juveniles will also be monitored by facilitators from TOP. The Municipal Court will refer a minimum of 20 youths annually for one year.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No. This will be the first time the Municipal Court and Project Vida work together regarding the Teen Outreach Program.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Project Vida will be responsible for all costs.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Project Vida Health Center, to provide research and educational services regarding youth offenders. This understanding will be of no cost to the City of El Paso.

ADOPTED this _____ day of August 2013

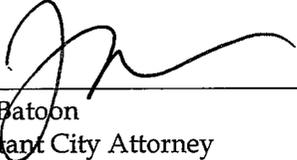
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



John Batoon
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
Municipal Clerk



PROJECT VIDA

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The following Memorandum of Understanding (agreement) sets forth the terms and conditions of agreement between The City Of El Paso Municipal Court and Project Vida Health Center (PVHC) to implement Wyman's Teen Outreach Program® (TOP®) and link the agencies participants to leadership and youth development services. TOP® is grounded in contemporary research, which promotes the positive development of adolescent through curriculum-guided interactive group discussions, positive adult guidance and support, and community service learning. This is an evidence-based intervention including discussions and interactive learning around key topics related to adolescent health and development and community service learning opportunities. The 2001 study outcomes confirmed program effectiveness and indicated that TOP® is even more effective for students at highest initial risk for problem behaviors: lower risk of school suspension, lower risk of course failure, and lower risk of pregnancy. How TOP® achieves these outcomes is directly related to the quality of the volunteer service experiences and to the creation and maintenance of an emotionally safe environment, which enhances participants' ability to achieve developmental tasks.

PVHC will do the following:

- Wyman's Teen Outreach Program® will be provided by trained and professional TOP Facilitators
- All facilitators and staff having direct contact with youth have been cleared with the El Paso Juvenile Probation Department's mandatory background check process. PVHC payed the \$9.95 nonrefundable fee.
- All PVHC facilitators and staff having direct contact with youth in the juvenile system have complete the required Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation/ Prison Rape Elimination Act (ANE/PREA) training and will comply with requirements regarding abuse, neglect and/or exploitation.
- Implement and establish a TOP Club- TOP Clubs are comprehensive youth development groups utilizing evidence based strategies, that when faithfully replicated, promote the positive development of adolescents. This is done through a combination of curriculum-guided group discussions and volunteer service activity. This will be at no cost to JPD and participating youth.
- Develop and maintain a safe and active learning environment
- Conduct a pre/post evaluation assessment & focus group session
- Provide various CSL (community service learning) activities designed for youth participating in the Municipal Court Deferred Adjudication, Case Pending and Case Management Program. These activities may include planning, coordination and assistance with sponsored health fairs, canned food drives, clothing drives, beautifying community gardens, park cleanup projects, elaboration of bracelets for hospitalized youths, spending time with the elderly in senior citizen centers, volunteer activities assisting the plight of the homeless, elderly, disadvantaged.
- Provide transportation for youth to complete CSL activities. Transportation may be necessary for up to four times per month, however, PVHC will only provide transportation a minimum of once per month (if available).
- Collaborate with the Municipal Court staff to provide TOP once a week for approximately 2 hours for a minimum of 4 months. TOP Clubs can run for up to nine months and case management youth completing Deferred Adjudication, may remain involved with the TOP Club, after the four month term, and if they choose to remain active with the Club.



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- Provide the space for agreed upon services, at PVHC main location 3607 Rivera Ave.
- Administer and obtain participant enrollment forms, Pre and Post Surveys, and parental consents (if applicable), for grant requirements and to measure immediate and intermediate to outcomes.
- Provide intermediate outcomes regarding program goals (pregnancy rates, school attendance, sexually transmitted diseases, self-esteem, sense of purpose, improvement in academic grades, etc) for a 6 month term after program evaluation completion.
- Provide the result of the TOP program evaluation for both the Wyman and external evaluations within one month of completion.

El Paso Municipal Court will:

- Provide referrals of youth and family members from the Deferred Adjudication Programs, Case Pending and/or Case Management.
- Provide legal guardian and youth contact information to initiate services and meet program requirements. Data required will be the following: Name of youth and parents, DOB, address, phone number, and Deferred Adjudication entry date.
- Invite and engage parents to participate in TOP® introduction meeting and for end of CSL Celebration
- Refer a minimum of 10 youth per Municipal Court TOP Clubs, with a minimum of 2 TOP Clubs per 12 month term.

Term and Termination:

The initial term of this agreement will be from May 6, 2013 until May 5, 2014. The agreement will automatically renew for up to two (2) one year terms, contingent on grant funding being available. This Agreement may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties. The Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

EL PASO MUNICIPAL COURT

PROJECT VIDA HEALTH CENTER

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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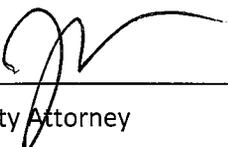
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Assistant City Attorney