

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

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management & Budget

AGENDA DATE: 12/27/06

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a 2-year extension to the contract between the City and Physicians Healthcare Associates (PHA) for the City to provide space on City property for PHA to operate health care clinics for active, non-uniformed city employees, active duty police officers, active duty fire fighters and all retirees enrolled in the City's Self Funded Health Benefit Plan.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On January 2002, the City approved a license agreement with PHA to provide space for wellness health clinics on City property to operate wellness clinics for City employees and retirees. The clinics offer basic health services such as but not limited to treatment of colds, influenza, diabetic glucose monitoring, sinus infections and the issuance of prescriptions as necessary for treatment of minor illnesses or injuries.

Between January 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006, the clinics have experienced 2,253 visits. The operation of the clinics during this same time period has cost the City \$157,899 and has saved the City approximately \$210,196 in sick leave payments to employees and doctor's office visits. The average overall composite wellness clinic visit cost is \$70.08/visit. The average in the El Paso area for an office visit is \$ 85.00 (exclusive of prescription costs and/or laboratory charges). There are no citizen concerns at this time.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Council initiated establishment of the clinics in January 2002 and has approved the continuation of the agreement every year since. The current agreement between PHA and the City will expire on December 31, 2006. The current contract provides for an extension. This is a request to exercise the option to renew for two years.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This item is funded through the City of El Paso Health Benefit Fund, 45121-04100248-502111.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____

FINANCE: (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: David Almonte  12-14-06

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____