



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: On February 28, 2011, City Council passed Ordinance No. 0256-2011 authorizing the Board of Health to enter into a \$25,000 contract with Access Health Columbus (AHC) for consulting services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of affordable, patient-centered, primary care services for the most vulnerable in Columbus by working with local Federally Qualified Health Centers to improve service delivery. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize a modification of that contract by adding \$10,000 for additional consulting services to assist the Board's efforts to improve clinical operations at its 240 Parsons Avenue facility.

Under the current contract, AHC is coordinating collaborative projects with local Federally Qualified Health Centers that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of affordable patient centered primary care for those most vulnerable. This modification is needed for AHC to coordinate a project with Columbus Public Health that supports the efficiency and effectiveness of clinical public health services for the most vulnerable. This includes integrating certain clinical administrative functions, hiring a Practice Manager, and sharing recommendations with clinical staff.

AHC has demonstrated that it has the expertise to coordinate this project. When the original contract was established, the Board was not certain whether it would be able to initiate the new project at its 240 Parsons Avenue facility. The additional \$10,000 needed for this modification is based on an estimate of how many hours AHC will need to dedicate to the successful completion of this new project. Emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of these services and to complete the project by March 31, 2012.

Access Health Columbus (Contract Compliance No. 510426050) is nonprofit organizations and therefore exempt from certification.

FISCAL IMPACT: The modified contract amount will be for \$35,000. The additional \$10,000 for this contract modification were made available in the 2011 budget for the Health Special Revenue Fund.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify a contract with Access Health Columbus for consulting services for primary care services at Columbus Public Health; to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$10,000)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to improve the delivery of primary care services for residents at its 240 Parsons Avenue facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Access Health Columbus has proven that it has the necessary experience and expertise to assist the Board in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of affordable, patient-centered primary care services; and,

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of needed service delivery improvements; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with Access Health Columbus for the immediate preservation of the public

health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract modification with Access Health Columbus for additional consulting services for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of affordable, patient-centered primary care for those most vulnerable at its 240 Parsons Avenue facility through March 31, 2012, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract modification, the City Auditor is hereby authorized to modify Contract No. DL017229 by adding an additional \$10,000 to said contract from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Division No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 500207.

SECTION 3. That this contract modification is awarded according to the provisions of Section 329.16 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.