



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health operates the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic under a grant awarded from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. In order to effectively manage patients with latent and active tuberculosis, it is necessary to provide specialized physician services. A request for proposals for a three-year period was advertised via Vendor Services on February 25, 2015 (SA005778). This ordinance will award the third year of a three-year contract to OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, Division of Infectious Diseases. This contract is in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the period March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. The contractor's contract compliance number is 311369596 and is effective through February 1, 2018.

In 2014, the reported number of U.S. Tuberculosis (TB) cases was 9,421, with a case rate of 3.0 cases per 100,000 population. Franklin County maintains the highest case count in Ohio at 40 cases in 2015, with a case rate of rate of 3.2 cases per 100,000 population.

The Columbus Public Health Ben Franklin TB Program is the designated TB control program for Franklin County, providing specialized ambulatory medical care and medical case management to active TB cases. Medical treatment for TB can last from six months to two years and requires the oversight of an Infectious Disease Specialist with expertise in TB. The OSU Internal Medicine Division of Infectious Disease provides contract physicians to oversee the care of our TB patients. OSU Dr. Shu-Hua Wang also serves as the TB program medical director. The Ben Franklin TB Program provides services to over 300 patients per year, many of whom are uninsured. No one is denied services based upon their inability to pay.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide continued specialized physician services for patients of the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$31,000.00 is budgeted in the Health Department Grants Fund for physician services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic. Franklin County will reimburse all expenses under this contract. This ordinance is contingent on Ordinance No. 3293-2016.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, Division of Infectious Diseases, for physician services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic; to authorize the expenditure of \$31,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$31,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for specialized physician services to manage patients of the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic; and

WHEREAS, OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, Division of Infectious Diseases, has been awarded the third year of a three-year contract through the RFP process to provide physician services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, Division of Infectious Diseases, for specialized physician services in order to ensure continuity of services for patients of the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic, 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 with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, Division of Infectious Diseases, for physician services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic for the period March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$31,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund 2251, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Fund 2251, Program HE004, Project No. G501637, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE36, Amount: \$31,000.00.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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.