



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health operates the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic. In order to effectively manage patients with latent and active Tuberculosis, it is necessary to provide streaming video and phone-based interpretation services. Columbus Public Health contracts with Preciss, LLC (aka Language Access Network, LLC), to provide these services for TB patients. This ordinance is necessary to authorize the Board of Health to modify the existing contract with Preciss, LLC, for additional interpretation services. This modification is for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, for a total contract amount of \$20,000.00, and is for the period through February 28, 2018. The contractor's contract compliance number is 201186615, and is valid through 3/29/19.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide continued streaming video and phone-based interpretation services for patients of the Tuberculosis Clinic.

FISCAL IMPACT: All expenditures from this contract will be fully reimbursed from funds in the TB Prevention/Control Special Purpose Fund.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify a contract with Preciss, LLC, for additional streaming video and phone-based interpretation services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the TB Prevention/Control Special Purpose Fund for this contract modification; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for streaming video and phone-based interpretation services to manage patients of the Tuberculosis Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Preciss, LLC, has the expertise to provide these services required to manage patients of the Tuberculosis Clinic; and

WHEREAS, a contract modification with Preciss, LLC in the amount of \$15,000.00 is necessary in order to provide additional streaming video and phone-based interpretation services; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure continuity of services for patients of the TB Clinic; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with Preciss, LLC, for streaming video and phone-based interpretation services 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 modify a contract with Preciss, LLC, for streaming video and phone-based interpretation services for the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic for the period through February 28, 2018.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract modification, the expenditure of \$15,000.00 is hereby authorized

from the TB Prevention/Control Special Purpose Fund, Fund 2223, Subfund 222343, Department of Health 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63040, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE36.

SECTION 3. That this contract modification is in accordance with the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 4. 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 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.