



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In order to effectively manage patients of the Columbus Public Health Sexual Health Clinic (SHC), it is necessary to provide specialized physician services. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, in the amount of \$65,562.00. The contract compliance number is 311369596. This contractor is a nonprofit organization and is exempt from certification.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that nationally there are approximately 20 million new STD infections each year, half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. Ohio and particularly Franklin County rates for syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia are significantly higher than national rates. Rates of gonorrhea in Franklin County went from 240.5 (per 100,000) in 2011 to 351.7 in 2016, with 4,276 cases reported in 2016. Rates of chlamydia in Franklin county went from 629.0 (per 100,000) in 2011 to 813.6 in 2016, with 9,892 cases reported in 2016. Syphilis rates in 2011 went from 17.9 (per 100,000) to 40.0 in 2016, with 501 cases reported in 2016 including 4 congenital cases. The SHC provides services to over 9,000 patients per year, many of whom are uninsured. No one is denied services based upon their inability to pay. Patients 13 and older receive testing, counseling, assessment, treatment and other resources in a nonjudgmental environment.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide continued specialized physician services for patients of the Columbus Public Health Sexual Health Clinic.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$65,562.00 is budgeted in the Health Special Revenue Fund for physician services for the Columbus Public Health Sexual Health Clinic contingent on passage of Ord: 2871-2018.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, for physician services for the CPH Sexual Health Clinic for the period of February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020; to authorize the expenditure of \$65,562.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$65,562.00).

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

WHEREAS, OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, can provide physicians who have the expertise required to manage patients of the Columbus Public Health Sexual Health 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, for specialized physician services in order to ensure continuity of services for patients of the Columbus Public Health Sexual Health Clinic, all 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, for physician services for the Sexual Health Clinic for the period of February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$65,562.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, Department of Health, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Acct. 63051, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE17.

SECTION 3. That this contract is in compliance with Chapter 329 of 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.