

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: An ordinance approving and authorizing amendments to extend the term of contracts between the City and various providers of services for older adults through the Houston Health Department's Harris County Area Agency on Aging and amending Ordinance No. 2009-0689, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount of the contract between the City and Dinsmore Medical Systems, LLC.	Category #	Page 1 of 2	Agenda Item #
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FROM (Department or other point of origin): Houston Health Department	Origination Date 11/1/2016	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	Council District affected: All
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For additional information contact: Kathy Barton Telephone: 832-393-5045; 713-826-5801	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 02-18-2009 – 2009-113; 03-04-2009 – 2009-170; 03-11-2009 - 2009-0208; 04-01-2009 - 2009-288; 06-10-2009 - 2009-0499; 06-17-2009 - 2009-0526; 07-29-2009 - 2009-0689; 12-09-2009 – 2009-1253; 06-16-2010 - 2010-477; 06-16-2010 - 2010-478; 02-23-2011 - 2011-133; 06-08-2011 - 2011-437; 06-08-2011 -2011-437; 08-03-2011 - 2011-635; 08-03-2011 - 2011-658; 12-17-2014 - 2014-1151; 12-17-2014 - 2014-1152; 09-23-2015 – 2015-888; 09-23-2015 – 2015-886.
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RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)
Approval of an ordinance approving and authorizing amendments to extend the term of contracts between the City and various providers of services to older adults through the Houston Health Department's (HHD) Harris County Area Agency on Aging (HCAA) and amending Ordinance No. 2009-0689, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount of the contract between the City and Dinsmore Medical Systems, LLC.

Amount of Funding: Dinsmore Medical Services Current Maximum Contract Amount: \$95,000 Additional Funding: \$40,000 New Maximum Contract Amount: \$135,000	Finance Department:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund [] Other (Specify): Aging Title III Grant (Fund 5030)

HHD requests City Council to approve an ordinance authorizing amendments to extend the term of contracts between the City and various providers of services to older adult services through the HCAA from December 30, 2016 through September 30, 2017. It is also requested that the maximum contract amount of the contract with Dinsmore Medical Systems, LLC be increased from \$95,000 to \$135,000.

On-going advocacy for older adults through education, programs, consensus building and network collaboration, serves as the core of the Agency's mission "to promote well-being, independence and dignity for older persons". It is at the heart of these values that the Agency is committed to facilitating access to benefits and services for all eligible consumers and caregivers. The extension of these contracts and the additional increase in funding for one of our contractors will permit the HCAA to continue providing vital services without interruption to older adults in Harris County.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		
Finance Department	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:

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The respective contracts were initiated after a request for proposal process in 2007 and 2008 and approved on May 9, 2007, March 11, 2009, June 10, 2009, June 17, 2009, July 29, 2009, August 26, 2009, June 16, 2010, July, 28, 2010, September 15, 2010, February 23, 2011, June 8, 2011, and August 3, 2011. Each contract was effective on the date of countersignature and extended through December 29, 2016.

The City of Houston, as designated by Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), has full authority and responsibility for funds and services authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The funds are disbursed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the DADS and administered by HHD's HCAA.

The support service contracts to be amended fall under the following categories:

Caregiver Support Coordination

Caregiver Information Services-

The dissemination of accurate, timely and relevant information for informal caregivers, grandparents or relatives caring for children 18 years of age and under; and the public through publications, large group presentations, seminars, health fairs and mass media. Developing a resource library and other informational resources for use in the dissemination of caregiver information is a component of this service.

Caregiver Respite Care-Institutional-

Temporary relief for caregivers including an array of services provided in a congregate or residential setting (e.g., hospital, nursing home, and adult day center) to dependent older individuals who are in need of supervision. Services are offered on a short-term, temporary basis while the primary caregiver is unavailable or needs relief. Where appropriate, services may include meals, social and recreational activities, personal care, monitoring of health status, medical procedures and/or transportation.

Caregiver Respite Care In-Home Services-

Temporary relief for caregivers including an array of services provided to dependent older individuals who need supervision. Services are provided in the older individual's home environment on a short-term, temporary basis while the primary caregiver is unavailable or needs relief. In addition to supervision, services may include meal preparation, housekeeping, assistance with personal care and/or social and recreational activities.

Caregiver Education and Training-

Counseling to caregivers to assist in decision-making and problem-solving related to the caregiver role. Includes providing counseling to individuals and support groups; and caregiver training for individual caregivers and families.

Emergency Response

Services for homebound, frail older individuals provided to establish an automatic monitoring system which links to emergency medical services when the individual's life or safety is in jeopardy. ERS services include the installation of the individual monitoring unit, training associated with the use of the system, periodic checking to ensure that the unit is functioning properly, equipment maintenance calls, response to an emergency call by a medical professional, para-professional or volunteer, and follow-up with the older individual.

Evidence-Based Intervention-

Providing an intervention to an older individual based upon the principles of Evidence-Based Disease Prevention programming.

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Health Maintenance

Medical treatment by a health professional

- Health education and counseling services for individuals or groups about lifestyles and daily activities. Activities may include, but are not limited to:
- Art and dance –movement therapy
- Programs in prevention or reduction of the effects of chronic disabling conditions
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Smoking cessation
- Weight loss and control
- Stress management
- Home health services including, but not limited to, nursing, physical therapy, speech or occupational therapy
- Provision of medications, nutritional supplements, glasses, dentures, hearing aids or other devices necessary to promote or maintain the health and/or safety of the older individual.

Legal Assistance

Advice or representation by an attorney, including assistance by a paralegal or law student under the supervision of an attorney, or counseling or representation by a non-lawyer such as a certified Benefits Counselor, where permitted by law, to older individuals, or their caregiver with economic and social needs.

Ombudsman

Services that identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents of nursing facilities and assisted living facilities, and which relate to action, inaction, or decisions, that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of the residents, providers, or representatives of providers, of long-term care services, public agencies, or health and social service agencies.

Personal Assistance

Assisting an older individual having difficulty in performing a minimum of two activities of daily living identified in the assessment process, with tasks an individual would typically perform if they were able. This covers assistance in all activities of daily living.

Visiting

Meeting with an older individual to provide regular contact and companionship and should the older individual not respond, to initiate appropriate action.

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The contracts to be extended are as follows:

Contractor	Services Provided
Alpha Eye Care Associates PLLC	Vision Screening and Appliances
Alzheimer's Association	Caregiver Information Services
Council for Health Education & Development, LLC	Caregiver Information Services
Chinese Community Center, Inc.	Caregiver Information Services
Dinsmore Medical Systems, LLC	Caregiver Services
Gateway To Care	Caregiver Information Services and Evidence Based Initiatives
Heights Hearing Aids, LLC	Hearing Screening and Appliances
Lone Star Legal Aid	Legal Assistance and Counseling
Montrose Counseling Center	Evidence Based Intervention Services
MPJ Audiology Consultant, LLC	Hearing Screening and Appliances
Perry Lee Home Health Care Services Inc.	Caregiver Services
Ronald Norsworthy, Inc., dba Home Helpers Fort Bend	Caregiver
Texas Southern University	Caregiver Information Services and Evidence Based Initiatives
University of Texas Health Science Center	Ombudsman Services
Neighborhood Centers, Inc.	Caregiver and Caregiver Support Services

cc: Agenda Director
 Finance Department
 Legal Department