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**Sponsor:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** 2/6/2024

**Title:** Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services and the City of Minneapolis for HIV Prevention Projects.

**File Number:** 2024-016

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**Background and Rationale:**

Hennepin County is the grant recipient of the Ryan White Program Part A while the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is the grant recipient of the Ryan White Program Part B. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is the grant recipient of Minnesota's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Comprehensive HIV Prevention Projects for Health Departments. In collaboration with Ramsey County and the city of Minneapolis, two governmental entities that partner with the Ryan White Program Part A grant recipient in implementing the Ryan White Program in the Minneapolis - St. Paul 13-county transitional grant area.

The HIV epidemic is centered in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area where 84% of people living with HIV reside. The continued collaboration among Hennepin County, Ramsey County, the city of Minneapolis, MDH, and DHS ensures integration of HIV prevention and care, community planning, and coordination of public funds to be administered statewide.

The new Ryan White Intergovernmental Agreement will update the framework established in 2016 for intergovernmental coordination of a strong public health approach to HIV prevention and care in Minnesota to comply with changes in federal guidelines. This agreement assures that the Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention continues to fulfill both the Ryan White Program federal legislative and CDC HIV prevention grant requirements for community involvement in planning for a comprehensive system of HIV prevention and care in Minnesota.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement for HIV Prevention Projects with the following entities for the period upon execution:
  - a. Hennepin County - 525 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
  - b. Minnesota Department of Health - 625 Robert Street, North, Saint Paul, MN 55164.
  - c. Minnesota Department of Human Services - 540 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55415.
  - d. City of Minneapolis - 505 South 4th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: Martinson

By:   
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board