



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

Re: MFHC Contract for Cohort 1 -Right Time Initiative

## Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign The Right Time Initiative Participation Contract between the City of Columbia and the Missouri Family Health Council; appropriating funds and increasing authorized personnel count.

## Discussion

Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) has been selected as one of seven health centers in Missouri to participate in Cohort 1 for the implementation of the Right Time Initiative. Funding for this multi-year project is provided through the Missouri Family Health Council. The goal of the Right Time Initiative is to reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy in Missouri by 10 percent by 2024.

Currently, more than half (51 percent) of all pregnancies to women of all ages in Missouri are described by women themselves as unintended. Although there have been broad declines in unintended pregnancy, both nationally and in Missouri, large disparities remain. Low-income women are nearly six times more likely than women of greater economic means to experience an unintended pregnancy. Rates also remain disproportionately high among women of color and those in rural areas.

The Right Time Initiative is focused on addressing these disparities by improving knowledge of contraceptive methods; removing barriers to quality contraceptive services; providing more women with access to a full range of contraceptive methods; and helping women find the method that works best for them. Through this initiative, PHHS will provide individual and community education / awareness regarding family planning. The initiative reimburses PHHS for contraceptive methods. The budget includes funding for a new position: 1.0 FTE Licensed Practical Nurse.

The contract amount shall not exceed \$212,520 for the period of March 15, 2019, through March 31, 2022. An appropriation and an increase to the authorized personnel count to add a 1.0 FTE is needed.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding. There is no impact on the general fund. An appropriation is necessary.

Long-Term Impact: None.



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
Annual	This is a new contract.

## Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.