



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 20, 2021

Re: MFHC Contract for Cohort 1 - Right Time Initiative, Amendment 2

## Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign The Right Time Initiative Participation Contract between the City of Columbia and the Missouri Family Health Council.

## Discussion

Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) was selected in 2019 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 provides individual and community education/awareness regarding family planning. The initiative reimburses PHHS for contraceptive methods.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding. There is no impact to the general fund.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

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

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

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

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



# City of Columbia

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## Legislative History

Date	Action
2019	The Right Time Initiative began in 2019.

## Suggested Council Action

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