



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: June 22, 2006

To: HEALTH, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: PUBLIC HEALTH MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement between eleven metropolitan regional jurisdictions for response in public health emergencies during the period of July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2011.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health
Pam Blixt, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Manager

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): City responsible for all expenses for its personnel, equipment, and other resources voluntarily provided to another jurisdiction in an emergency, similar to the mutual aid agreements already in place for police and fire. Whenever applicable, the City will request reimbursement from FEMA or others.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is requesting approval of a metropolitan regional Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement that may be implemented by any of the parties participating in this Agreement, the parties having determined that it is in their best interests to assist one another in the event of an emergency, training, drill or exercise. Emergencies may occur in the future which will require local public health entities to come to the aid and assistance of other local public health entities, and the intent of this agreement is to make personnel, equipment, and other resources available

to political subdivisions in the event of an emergency, training, drill or exercise. The department has been working with the City Attorney's office on the draft Agreement, and will continue to do so until the last components are finalized around the end of July.

Signers to the Agreement:

Anoka County
City of Bloomington
Carver County
Dakota County
City of Edina
Hennepin County
City of Minneapolis
Ramsey County
City of Richfield
Scott County
Washington County