



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

Date: June 14, 2007

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

Subject: REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY IN A JOINT SOLICITATION OF INTEREST FOR CURFEW TRUANCY CENTER SERVICES

Recommendation:

Council authorization to participate with Hennepin County in a joint Solicitation of Interest for the Curfew Truancy Center portion of services to be provided as part of the Juvenile Supervision Center, for the period of January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

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

Presenters in Committee: Jan Fondell, Family Support Specialist/Youth Development, x 5527
Coral Garner, Director of Public Health and Community Initiatives

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department is requesting authorization to participate with Hennepin County in a joint "Solicitation of Interest" (Request for Proposals) for operation of the Juvenile Supervision Center. The City's portion of the project is the Curfew Truancy Center, which is designed to provide supervision and early intervention assistance to youth who are picked up in Minneapolis by law enforcement after being cited for a curfew or truancy violation. The new Juvenile Supervision Center will be located in City Hall, and will also include the County's program to provide early intervention assistance to youth who are picked up by law enforcement after committing an offense that does not meet the admission criteria of the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

The current ability to operate the Curfew Truancy Center on a 24/7 basis is made possible through this combination of Curfew Truancy Center funding and Hennepin County's funding for serving low level offenders. As we proceed to this next phase of development, the Curfew Truancy Center Joint Powers Board has made the recommendation to join Hennepin County in offering this joint Solicitation for Curfew Truancy Services as a companion to Hennepin County's Solicitation of Interest to serve low level offenders. This will enable us to maximize resources and align services for curfew violators, truants, and low level offenders. Moving forward in partnership with Hennepin County will also enable the Curfew Truancy Center to provide additional referral, intervention and follow up services to youth who are identified at risk for further encounters with law enforcement.