



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

Date: February 15, 2007
To: HEALTH, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Subject: AGREEMENTS WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICES

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. contract with Hennepin County, through its various departments, to provide public health laboratory services for County departments, and
2. designate the Commissioner of Health as the authorized signer of these agreements.

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

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

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

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is requesting to enter into service agreements with Hennepin County, through its various departments, to provide public health laboratory services. These services include receiving specimens from various county departments, processing the specimens, billing the appropriate department for services provided, and receiving the revenue. The department has provided these services for many years, and the County is requiring agreements to allow payments to the City for services. These agreements from the different County departments range from \$500 to about \$50,000 annually, and the funds are included within each year's revenue projections for the lab that are approved as part of the annual budget. The department is also requesting that the Commissioner of Health be the authorized signer on these agreements.