



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

Date: November 28, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Subject: INTERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WALDEN UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Recommendation:

That the proper City officials be authorized to execute an agreement with Walden University for students to serve internships in the health department for the period not to exceed January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017; to enter into subsequent agreements with individual programs of Walden University related to specific internships during this five year period; and, authorization for the Commissioner of Health to approve programmatic adjustments to agreements as needed.

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 an internship agreement with Walden University to provide a field experience/internship site for their students. While an initial agreement is with their graduate public health program, Walden provides training in other fields for which the health department could provide relevant internship opportunities. As such the department is requesting approval to enter into subsequent agreements with other Walden programs as needed over the five year period, and authorization for the Commissioner of Health to approve annual or other programmatic adjustments to any agreement.

These internships provide both an opportunity for students to develop skills and qualifications in their field, and serves to increase the capacity of the department to serve the community. These internships are unpaid and City costs are related to staff supervision of the students.