

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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Subject:

Data Use Agreement with the Minnesota Hospital Association

Description:

Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Hospital Association to enter into a Data Use Agreement for a period not to exceed ten years, and for an annual amount NTE \$5,000.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

Select a ward.

Background/Analysis:

The city health department has an existing, paid contract with the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) for aggregated data reports. While this system is similar to other local health departments, there are several disadvantages. It involves multiple requests; it does not utilize existing analytic capacity of city staff; and it is not conducive to performing deeper, explorative analyses that inform surveillance and planning.

The replacement contract provides quarterly de-identified datasets for the Minneapolis geography. This is similar to the process employed between the state and the MHA. Access to this data enables better surveillance of outcomes related to hospitalizations and emergency department visits. An initial list counts at least 40 standardized indicators of population health. The MHA data also fills a gap left by local health surveys, which perform poorly in reaching at-risk populations. Finally, the process is expected to spur greater dialogue and exchange of findings between the MHA, the state, the city, and communities who experience health disparities.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget. Funding will be from 00100-8600130.

- Future budget impact anticipated.**
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**

Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.