



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MASTER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH DIASORIN
INC. TO PURCHASE TESTING PRODUCTS FOR HEPATITIS C
ANTIBODY TESTING - PUBLIC HEALTH**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Master Supply Agreement with DiaSorin, Inc. to purchase testing products for Hepatitis C antibody testing.

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) North Texas Regional Laboratory (NTRL) purchased the DiaSorin Liaison XL instrument as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response. The instrument can be used for detection of antibodies in a variety of infectious diseases. Detection of Hepatitis C virus antibodies has been identified as a core public health need to better serve our patient population and to protect the health of Tarrant County residents. Hepatitis C infection increases the risk of severe liver disease, including cirrhosis and cancer. The risk for severe liver disease is further increased in HIV patients. Hepatitis C is a reportable condition by law, but most cases will go undetected without a screening test. Early detection and treatment can prevent progression into chronic disease, which otherwise becomes detrimental for the individual and burdensome for the community. With the availability of the instrument, the Hepatitis C testing can be implemented if the required testing reagents are obtained from DiaSorin. Our internal TCPH partners can then use our TCPH laboratory to test for Hepatitis C infections, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Hepatitis C screening recommendations and the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) National Strategic Plan (2021-2025) in a cost-effective manner. Clinical and disease surveillance programs want to include this testing in their disease prevention efforts. Existing grant funds have been designated to cover the reagent costs for Hepatitis C screening at NTRL. The Disease Intervention Specialist Infrastructure grant (F0105-2024) is available in Calendar year 2024 and the Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Modernization Program (F0108-2024) is available until the end of the grant term, November 30, 2027.

On May 19, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132817, approved TCPH's request to purchase the DiaSorin XL instrument as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

On June 9, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132974, approved a Purchase Agreement with DiaSorin, Inc. for the purchase of the DiaSorin XL for TCPH NTRL.

On July 7, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #133163, approved a Reagent Proposal for purchase of reagents for the detection of COVID-19 antibodies.

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With approval of this Master Supply Agreement, TCPH NTRL will purchase reagents from DiaSorin, Inc. to implement Hepatitis C antibody testing. The agreement will be in effect when it is fully executed, and the initial term will be 12 months with a total commitment of \$12,007.46. The agreement continues to be valid as long as there is a valid Supplier Schedule, which specifies the annual volume commitment and the total annual cost. The agreement can be terminated by either party with immediate effect.

The contract is attached for approval and signature. The Criminal District Attorney's Office reviewed this contract as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from grant fund allocations in F0108-2024 and F0105-2024.