



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an agreement by and between the Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee, LLC and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to participate as a member organization in a newly created entity with governance, structure, and bylaws to more effectively further the work of the Safety Net Consortium to provide health services to the uninsured.

WHEREAS, since 2000, leadership representatives from area hospitals, community partners, faith-based leaders, safety net clinics, academia, dental care, mental health care, substance abuse care safety-net providers, and the Metropolitan Nashville Public Health Department ("Consortium") have been collaborating on a regular monthly basis to best serve the residents of Nashville and Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium has utilized various names such as the Nashville Consortium of Safety Net Providers and the Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium's mission is to make Middle Tennessee healthier by bringing together health care providers, public sector agencies, academia, and community-based and other organizations to advocate, build capacity, and coordinate efforts to improve the health of the medically underserved; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium's vision is that Middle Tennessee is a place where all residents, including the uninsured and underinsured, have access to high quality, affordable health care; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium wishes to effectively provide health services to the uninsured by creating a new entity with governance, structure, and bylaws to further the work of its mission and vision; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Board of Health wishes to collaborate and participate in the new entity as a member organization with representatives serving on the Consortium's Policy and Planning Council and implementation teams; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the agreement by and between the Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee, LLC and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to participate as a member organization in a newly created entity with governance, structure, and bylaws to more effectively further the work of the Consortium's mission and vision to provide health services to the uninsured, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves an agreement between the Metro Board of Health and the Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee, LLC (the "Consortium"), to participate as a member organization in a newly created consortium entity. The Consortium has been in existence since 2000. It is made up of area hospitals, community partners, faith-based leaders, various care providers, academic institutions, and the Metro Health Department with the purpose of coordinating efforts to provide more effective health care services to the uninsured.

The Consortium has recently been established as a new entity with a governance structure and bylaws. This resolution approves the Health Department's participation in the Consortium. The Health Department will be required to provide a senior level representative to the Policy and Planning Council, and to participate on implementation teams as needed. The Department agrees to pay annual dues in the amount of \$2,500.