



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

**Date:** December 1, 2010

**To:** HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET

**Subject:** AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY ON ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BIOLOGICAL EVENTS

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. enter into an agreement with Hennepin County on the City and County Human Services and Public Health Response Roles and Responsibilities for biological incidents that require a greater than routine response.
2. utilize the Fund Availability Notice process under the City's Master Contract with Hennepin County to execute the agreement.

**Previous Directives:**

October 16, 2008, Council approval of the first agreement on roles and responsibilities.

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**Approved by:**

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Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Presenters in Committee:** Becky McIntosh

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

Other financial impact (Explain): There are financial implications in the event of a biological event in the City of Minneapolis that is above the routine disease prevention and control services provided by the County under a separate agreement. This agreement outlines a process by which any compensation to the County would be made for above routine work services not compensated through other sources.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Agreement has a dual purpose. First, it is a financial commitment by the city of Minneapolis to pay for public health response services provided by Hennepin County on behalf of City residents when a biological event requires greater than the "routine" work for Hennepin County Public Health currently covered under a separate agreement. The response services are performed by Hennepin County Public Health (HC PH) on behalf of the City and in compliance with guidance from the MN Department of Health (MDH) and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Such response efforts may include epidemiological investigation and/or control measures. It would not cover events that may occur only outside City boundaries. The Agreement would become effective only by mutual agreement between the Hennepin County Health Director and the City of Minneapolis Health Commissioner, or their designees. Second, it is a commitment by both the city of Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (MDHFS) and the HC PH to share decision-making related to response needs in the City during a biological event occurring in the City. The scope details expectations, roles and responsibilities, and liability and Workman's Compensation issues. It also includes a format for dispute resolution. The agreement terminates with the Master Contract on December 31, 2015.