



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

**Date:** November 9, 2011

**To:** PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** AMENDMENT TO THE TWIN CITIES PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization to amend contract #23632, a Mutual Aid Agreement between 18 Twin Cities jurisdictions for response in public health and environmental health emergencies, to extend the termination date from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012, with all other terms and conditions of the agreement remaining the same.

**Previous Directives:**

July 21, 2006 Council approval to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement.

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**Approved by:**

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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 Other financial impact (Explain): City is responsible for all expenses for its personnel, equipment, and other resources voluntarily provided to another jurisdiction in an emergency, similar to the mutual aid agreements already in place for police and fire. Whenever applicable, the City will request reimbursement from FEMA or others.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The department is requesting to extend the termination date of the Twin Cities regional Mutual Aid Agreement for public health and environmental health by one year, which will allow time for participating parties to develop and have approved a new five year agreement.

The Mutual Aid Agreement may be implemented by any of the 18 parties participating in this Agreement, the parties having determined that it is in their best interests to assist one another in the event of an emergency, training, drill or exercise. Emergencies may occur

in the future which will require local public health entities to come to the aid and assistance of other local public health entities, and the intent of this agreement is to make personnel, equipment, and other resources available to regional political subdivisions. The City utilized the Mutual Aid Agreement in May 2011 for assistance in staffing the Disaster Recovery Center following the north side tornado.

Signers to the Agreement Amendment:

Anoka County	City of Bloomington
Carver County	City of Brooklyn Park
Dakota County	City of Edina
Hennepin County	City of Maplewood
Ramsey County	City of Minneapolis
Scott County	City of Minnetonka
Washington County	City of St. Louis Park
	City of St. Paul
	City of Richfield
University of Minnesota	City of Wayzata