



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of December 9, 2006**

**DATE:** November 6, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Oral Health Care

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase access to oral health care for low income Arlington residents.
  
2. Appropriate \$33,000 from (101.350000) to Department of Human Services, Public Health Division (101.55104) for contractual purchase of dental services in compliance with the ANHSI agreement.

**ISSUE:** None

**SUMMARY:** ANHSI will place and fund the full cost of a dentist and dental assistant in DHS. The dentist and dental assistant will be employed under an Arlington personal services contract for a minimum of eight hours per week to work in the Public Health Dental Clinic. In exchange, ANHSI will be given access to use one of the operatories.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Health Dental Clinic provides preventive and restorative oral health care to approximately 800 school age children and senior citizens each year. The demand for dental services far exceeds the capacity; currently there is a six month waiting period for routine appointments. ANHSI is agreeing to pay the contracted costs of a dentist and dental assistant to work a minimum of eight hours per week, under a personal services contract. Currently, the Public Health Dental Clinic has two operatories and only one full time dentist and dental assistant; therefore, it will be able to accommodate the services of the additional dentist.

**DISCUSSION:** This coordinated, collaborative effort between Alexandria Neighborhood Services, Inc. and the Arlington County Department of Human Services will allow low income Arlington residents to have increased access to preventive and restorative dental care. It is estimated that an additional 300 patients will receive dental services through the agreement. The majority of these patients have no other resources for dental care needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. There is no impact to net tax support.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Carolyn French, DHS, Public Health