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## Potential alliance in the works to partner TTUHSC and Health Department

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A suggested contract hopes to resolve some Health Department concerns.

The possible agreement between Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the Lubbock Health Department calls for medical residents to help with the caseload in the sexually transmitted diseases clinic.

Dr. Steve Presley, the Board of Health Chairman, presented the document.

"To form an opportunity for physicians, fellows actually, to come to the Health Department, to the STD clinic and observe and learn," Dr. Presley said.



The arrangement would add manpower to the City Health Department at no charge to the city.

"It would also provide educational opportunities for infectious disease physicians trying to learn on STD clinics," Presley said.

All Board of Health members favored the concept of the agreement. However, Dr. Donald May, a member of the Board of Health, brought up some unclear areas in the document.

"It's a great idea. It's just this document was put together in a hurry. It needs a lot of legal work; it's not clear on insurance coverage. It's not clear on a lot of things," Dr. May said.

Dr. May also pointed out that the document doesn't clearly outline operational information or the availability of grant money to the city.

"This shouldn't be rushed into. We should take our time, put it together, get a good document, and go forward," Dr. May said.

By a majority vote of four to two, the Board of Health approved the agreement.

"The consensus of the Board was to move forward with it and to recommend to the City Council that they accept the letter," Dr. Presley said.

The City Council will vote on the document in their meeting this Thursday.

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