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Authorizing Submission for CDC Public Health Associate Program Assignees

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Background

- Metro Health is committed to developing the future public health workforce. One way we have accomplished this is through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Public Health Associate Program (PHAP).
- PHAP was founded in 2007 as a pilot program to support the CDC's frontline public health focus. Currently there are more than 325 associates.
- The mission of PHAP is to “train and provide experiential learning to early career professionals who contribute to the public health workforce.”
- PHAP is geared toward recent baccalaureate and master's level graduates who are interested in a career in public health.



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- Metro Health has successfully been selected as a host site for **eight years** – every year the program was offered in Texas. Over these years we have hosted 16 associates. Six are still working at Metro Health.
- Metro Health benefits from being a host site. The bright, intelligent associates are an added resource to our department. They come to San Antonio from other areas of Texas and the US; bringing with them different perspectives and experiences that enhance our services.
- They work in Metro Health and assist programs with the delivery of public health services to our community.



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Fiscal Impact

- The CDC's PHAP program provides a salary paid directly to the assignee while they complete their two-year field assignments at the health agency.
- There is no impact on the General Fund.



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Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing the submission of applications to the 2017 CDC Public Health Associate Program to serve as a host site to highly qualified and trained CDC employees at no cost to the City and authorizes the assignment of said CDC employees in Metro Health for a two-year period beginning October 2017.