

**ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWEST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (STRAC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND TO AUTHORIZE THE MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CITY'S MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND IDENTIFY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S FIRST RESPONSE SYSTEM, INFORMED BY EXISTING DATA ON MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND INTEGRATED RESPONSE BEST PRACTICES.**

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**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2019, the San Antonio City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with the South Texas Regional Council (STRAC) for the purposes of providing mental health clinician services to support the San Antonio Police Department Chronic Crisis Stabilization Initiative (CCSI); and

**WHEREAS**, the CCSI identifies, engages, and provides services to individuals who have been diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness and have frequent interactions with law enforcement via chronic 911 calls, referrals, or their own initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Interlocal Agreement, the San Antonio City Council authorized \$209,831 in Fiscal Year 2020 from the General Fund with up to \$927,299 for a successive four-year period subject to City Council appropriation of funds as part of the Budget process; and

**WHEREAS**, STRAC is designated by the Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) to develop, implement and maintain the regional trauma and emergency healthcare system for the 22 counties in the Trauma Service Area which included a mix of urban, suburban, rural and frontier areas from San Antonio to the Texas-Mexico border; and

**WHEREAS**, as a part of their core mission, STRAC established the Southwest Texas Crisis Collaborative (STCC) to focus on ending the ineffective utilization of services for the safety net population at the intersection of chronic illness, mental illness, and homelessness in Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative provides a comprehensive integrated crisis system across major public partners, hospital providers, philanthropy, public safety (Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement) and behavioral health providers; and

**WHEREAS**, core functions of the STCC include serving as a lead backbone entity with core responsibilities including communitywide: data management, program oversight, contract/grant management, and ongoing administration of the social determinants of health platform, Signify Community; and

**WHEREAS**, to this end, STRAC has worked with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute since inception of the STCC to support related data analysis and research; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort is part of the City’s review of Police Services presented to the Public Safety Committee on December 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the goals of this review is to strengthen the City’s mental health response to 911 calls; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the work of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute will be presented to the Community Health and Equity Committee, any subsequent recommendations from this committee will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee and ultimately to the full City Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee is authorized to amend an interlocal agreement with Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) in the amount of \$150,000.00 funded by the General Fund to authorize the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to conduct an assessment of the City's mental health response and identify system improvements to the City’s first response system, informed by existing data on mental health response and integrated response best practices. A copy of the amendment, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2021.**

**M A Y O R  
Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney