

ORDINANCE 2021-01-14-0013

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF EIGHT APPLICATIONS TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM, THE ASSIGNMENT OF UP TO EIGHT PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATES IN THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 2021, AND THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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- WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) is committed to developing the future public health workforce; and
- WHEREAS**, one way this is accomplished is through a 12-year partnership with the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) that is managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support; and
- WHEREAS**, the mission of PHAP is to "train and provide experiential learning to early career professionals who contribute to the public health workforce"; and
- WHEREAS**, PHAP's comprehensive curriculum focuses on developing associates' proficiencies in key public health areas via formal instruction and mentoring by the CDC and the host site as well as on-the-job training at the host site; and
- WHEREAS**, after completing the two-year CDC-funded assignment, associates are qualified to apply for public health positions at local, state and national offices; and
- WHEREAS**, the Public Health Associate Program was founded in 2007 as a pilot program to support the CDC's frontline public health focus and to meet the need for a continual source of field-tested, experienced, and dedicated public health professionals; and
- WHEREAS**, in 2010, with the help of funding from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), PHAP progressed from a pilot program to nationwide implementation-hiring 65 associates in 2010; and
- WHEREAS**, to date, PHAP has placed more than 1,100 public health associates in public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations across 44 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories; and
- WHEREAS**, PHAP is geared toward recent baccalaureate and master's level graduates who are interested in a career in public health; and

WHEREAS, assigned associates are civil service personnel hired by CDC to serve under an excepted service appointment not-to-exceed two years; and

WHEREAS, assignments are individually tailored to meet local needs in the delivery of public health services such as case investigation, disease surveillance, health promotion, community outreach and public health policy and accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health has been selected as a host site for twelve years - every year the program has been available in Texas since 2008; the program was not funded in 2009; and

WHEREAS, over these years Metro Health has hosted 20 associates, many of whom continued working or studying in public health or studying in other health-related fields after completing their PHAP service; and

WHEREAS, currently, four associates are working at Metro Health; and.

WHEREAS, Metro Health benefits from being a host site; and

WHEREAS, the bright, intelligent associates are an added resource to Metro Health; and

WHEREAS, associates come to San Antonio from many different states, bringing with them different perspectives and experiences that enhance services to the community; and

WHEREAS, during this program, the CDC provides associates with professional training that augments their knowledge and skills beyond their local training; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will allow eight Public Health Associates to work in the following Metro Health program areas: SA Kids BREATHE; Violence Prevention; Tuberculosis Prevention and Control; Healthy Neighborhoods; Community Nutrition; Immunizations; STD/HIV prevention; Operations; and, special projects with the Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, if Metro Health is again selected to be a PHAP host site, then 2021 will become the 13th year that Metro Health has successfully been selected; **NOW THEREFORE:**

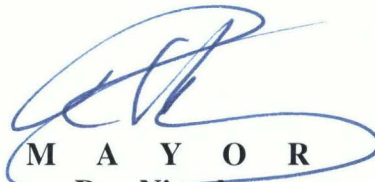
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) or designee is authorized to submit eight applications to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Associate Program, assign up to eight Public Health Associates in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for a two-year period beginning October 2021 and is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate the applications and assignment of said CDC employees in Metro Health. A copy of said applications which are incorporated herein for all purposes are on file with Metro Health.


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 14th day of January, 2021.

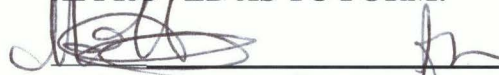

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:



Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew Segovia, City Attorney



City of San Antonio

City Council

January 14, 2021

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2021-01-14-0013

Ordinance approving the submission of eight applications to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Associate Program and the assignment of up to eight Public Health Associates in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for a two-year period beginning October 2021, and the execution of necessary documents. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager, Interim Director, Health]

Councilmember John Courage made a motion to approve. Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage and Perry