

# City of San Antonio



## AGENDA City Council Special Session

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

The City Council of San Antonio convened in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Plaza Building. City Clerk Leticia Vacek took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Garcia Rocha, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry.

Mayor Nirenberg opened the meeting by announcing that all future City Council Sessions including City Council Committee Meetings would be held in the City Council Chambers.

1. Staff presentation of the FY 2020 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City Departments or Initiatives: [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Justina Tate, Director, Management and Budget]

### **STRONG FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

Dr. Bridger presented the Proposed FY 2020 Proposed Budget for Strong Families and Children. She provided an overview of the following:

- Trauma Informed Care
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health

Dr. Bridger showed a four minute video entitled Brain Builders.

Dr. Bridger described adverse childhood experiences that adversely affects the brain architecture. Dr. Bridger described the Three Types of ACEs as follows:

- Abuse – Physical, Emotional, and Sexual
- Neglect – Physical and Emotional
- Household Dysfunction – Mental Illness, Mother Treated Violently, Divorce, Incarcerated

## Relative, and Substance Abuse

Dr. Bridger stated that the toxic stress adversely affects the developing brain. She stated that toxic stress develops around fear rather than planning.

Dr. Bridger stated that the South Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium to work on Trauma Informed Care which mitigates the effects of early childhood trauma and prevents re-traumatization.

Dr. Bridger noted that the total funding to establish the Trauma Informed Care Certifying Process in San Antonio was \$1.2 million that included a \$606,972 funding match by the University Health Systems to create the Institute for Trauma Informed Care.

Dr. Bridger described the next steps and immediate action was working on a draft Domestic Violence Plan with stakeholders. She stated that the final Domestic Violence Comprehensive Plan and RFP Funding priority recommendations would be presented at B Session on October 30, 2019.

## **SAN ANTONIO METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Jennifer Herriott, Interim Health Director presented the Health Department FY 2020 Proposed Budget. She stated that Health Department's motto on Public Health was "Preventing illness, promoting healthy behaviors, and protecting against health hazards." It was noted that the Health Department has 429 employees at 23 City Facilities and 164 Community Locations and serve over 168,350 residents. She stated that the Health Department has three divisions:

- Communicable Disease
  - Prevent Illness
  - Communications
  - Tuberculosis
  - STD
  - HIV
  - Epidemiology
- Community Health
  - Promote Healthy Behavior
  - Chronic Disease Prevention
  - WIC Program
  - Asthma Program
  - Healthy Start Program
  - Oral Health Program
- Environmental Health and Operations
  - Protect against Health Hazards
  - Food and Environmental Program
  - Vector Program
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness
  - Ozone Attainment

- Stand Up SA Program

Ms. Herriott described the Health Departments \$42.9 million FY 2020 Proposed Budget of which a third or \$15.7 million is general funds and the remainder was State and Federal Grant Funds:

- Communicable Disease
  - \$12.9 million
- Community Health
  - \$18.4 million
- Environmental Health and Operations
  - \$11.6 million

<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$14.1 million	\$15.7 million	\$1.6
<b>Grants</b>	\$29.3 million	\$27.2 million	\$(2.1)
<b>Totals</b>	\$43.4	\$42.9	\$(0.5)
<b>Positions</b>	423	429	6

Ms. Herriott stated that of the total 429 positions; 131 positions were allocated through the General Fund and 298 positions are Grant Funded positions. She stated that the increase in the General Fund reflects the Proposed 500,000 for Paid Sick Leave as well as the Strong Family and Children Initiatives mentioned by Dr. Bridger. Ms. Herriott explained the \$2.1 million variance for grants was a reduction of \$1.5 million Zika Grant that was not reissued and approximately \$700,000 reduction for the Healthy Start Program.

Ms. Herriott touted FY 2019 accomplishments as follows:

- Tobacco 21
- Pre-K for SA
- Smoke Free Indoor Air Quality
- Food Safety
- Strengthened the Complete Street Policy
- Implemented Healthy Food and Beverage Procurement Policy for CoSA
- Final stages of developing Four-Year Strategic Plan
- San Antonio Lactation Support Center
- SA Kids Breathe

Ms. Herriott described embedding equity in Metro Health and detailed the implementation and FY 2020 expansion including training and community outreach.

Ms. Herriott detailed the Paid Sick Leave Program \$549,340 Proposed Budget to fund four positions, community outreach, compliance assistance, training, and resources. She noted that the program was complaint-based and that a robust communications plan has been developed.

Ms. Herriott described budget efficiencies in STD Registration and Phlebotomy Assistance by improving patient flow at STD Clinics by adding an Administrative Associate. The added administrative position will also assist with air pollution registration, invoicing, tracking complaints, and data collection. She described consolidating Building Maintenance by reducing from six facilities to

five facilities in FY 2020.

Ms. Herriott identified four strategic health priorities as follows:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
  - Healthy Teen Relationships
  - Parent Support Systems
  - Increase Community Awareness
  
- Violence Prevention
  - Preventing Domestic Violence
  - Preventing Child Abuse
  - Reducing Gun Violence
  
- Access to Care
  - Advancing Economic Stability
  - Increasing Access to Immigrant Friendly Services
  - Preventing Depression in Mothers and Adolescents
  
- Nutrition
  - Expanding Use of Community Nutrition Standards
  - Improving Childhood Nutrition
  - Increasing Access to Affordable Healthy Food and Beverages

Ms. Herriott described what to expect in FY 2020 included revitalizing Pro Vida Healthy Menu Program, Restaurant Grade Placards, and continue to implement the Ozone Attainment Master Plan.

### **HUMAN SERVICES AND DELEGATE AGENCIES**

Melody Woosley, Human Services Director presented the Human Services Department FY 2020 Proposed Budget. The Human Services Department has 350 employees at 27 City Facilities and 59 Community Locations and served 92,909 residents. She noted that through collaboration and commitment the quality of life was improved for the following vulnerable residents: 1) Children and youth; 2) Individuals and families; 3) Seniors; and 4) Homeless. She stated that the needs were so great that the department leveraged its partnerships with non-profit businesses, government sector agencies, and other City departments to enhance core services. She noted that the FY 2020 proposed Budget was \$151.8 million of which 71% was from grants. She stated that the Budget was proposed to increase by \$500,000 and the proposed delegate agency funding would increase by \$1.6 million to expand homeless and family violence services. She reviewed the progress of embedding equity in Human Services:

#### FY 2019 Progress

- Culturally sensitive programming
- Education and awareness
- Targeted investments
- Strategic program recruitment
- Multi language services

#### FY 2020 enhancements

- Establish equity goals
- Use data to impact communities of color
- Engage target populations

Ms. Woosley noted that quality of life for children and youth was accomplished by programs which promote:

- Safe environment
- School success
- Parent employment
- College opportunity and access
- Career exploration

She stated that family strengthening was accomplished by:

- Emergency safety net
- Benefit connection
- Financial planning
- Improved financial security

She stated that Senior services included: 1) Nutrition and food security; 2) Fitness and wellness activities; 3) Education and learning; and 4) Social connection. She noted that homeless services included:

- Haven for Hope partnership
- Veteran homeless collaborative
- Homeless Encampment and Outreach Initiative

Ms. Woosley stated that FY 2019 initiatives included: 1) Mental health clinicians; 2) Expanded encampment outreach; and 3) Alternate giving campaign. She noted that the Faith-Based Initiative Group represented 24 faiths across the community and through 16 action groups a network of community resources was developed. She stated that Sacred.org, a San Antonio Community Resource Directory, was launched and provided an online service resource that included 1,444 faith-based organizations. She noted that the FY 2020 proposed Budget highlights include new and key initiatives which impact homelessness, migrants, and domestic violence. She stated that the proposed homeless investment for FY 2020 was \$12 million from the General Fund and grants. She noted that an increase of 50 cents for River Barge and Tower of the Americas tickets would fund Haven for Hope of Bexar County for emergency shelter services and homeless services. She stated that the remainder of the funding from the new revenue was reserved to address system gaps identified in the Strategic Plan. She noted that the City Council allocated \$200,000 to complete a comprehensive assessment of community homeless services and the assessment would be finalized in March 2020. She stated that the proposed FY 2020 Budget included \$333,000 for the Migrant Resource Center for the first quarter of FY 2020. She noted that staff proposed to redirect \$106,000 of the \$270,000 Our City Cares Program Budget to the Child Care Subsidy Program. She stated that the Program would provide families with 12 months of child care rather than three months. She noted that \$164,282 would remain in the Our City Cares Program to serve families in crisis who were not eligible for subsidies. She reviewed the following FY 2020 key priorities based on City Council and community input:

- Homelessness
- Family violence
- Mental health
- Aging well
- Youth engagement

Ms. Woosley reviewed the consolidated funding for Human and Workforce development services and noted that a total of \$24.7 million was allocated in the FY 2020 Budget for the services. She provided the following breakdown of the 54 agencies and the 83 programs supported:

- Children and youth success - \$7.3 million
- Strengthening families\* - \$2.0 million
- End homelessness\* - \$10.6 million
- Senior independence - \$1.1 million
- Workforce development - \$3.7 million

\*includes unallocated funding

Mayor Nirenberg asked if staff was partnering with the Office of Equity and SA2020 to develop metrics for the selection of organizations to address domestic violence. Dr. Bridger replied that they were. Mayor Nirenberg asked if Metro Health provided input for the Mobile Living Park Program. Dr. Bridger replied that Metro Health and the Department of Human Services would provide input regarding the Inspections Process.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if funds for Human Services and Metro Health facilities in District 5 were included in the Budget. Ms. Herriott replied that they were not. Mr. Walsh stated that \$5 million was set aside in the Capital Budget for deferred maintenance annually. He noted that staff would provide a breakdown of the facilities as to which were owned, leased, or shared.

Councilmember Viagran asked if United Way conducted an equity assessment of delegate agencies. Ms. Woosley replied that United Way did not perform an equity assessment of delegate agencies.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia asked how schools would be selected for school-based violence prevention programs. Ms. Herriott replied that school selection was based on where there was a significant amount of violence in the community.

Councilmember Peláez noted that there was a role for employers in addressing domestic violence. He suggested that they be included in addressing domestic violence.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked of the funds Haven for Hope receives as the result of the City's \$5 million investment. Ms. Woosley stated that Haven for Hope received funding from the State, Bexar County, and private donors. She added that the New Star Golf Tournament was held every year and raised \$3-\$4 million for Haven for Hope.

Councilmember Courage asked if targeted metrics and goals would be included for the four strategic health priorities. Ms. Herriott replied that targeted metrics and goals would be included to track improvement.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan requested statistics on violence which occurs on the Haven for Hope Campus. Ms. Woosley stated that the number of instances of violence on the Haven for Hope Campus was very low.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of a partnership with Solid Waste and other organizations and environmental friendly policies. Ms. Herriott stated that Metro Health would collaborate with the Office of Sustainability and Solid Waste to encourage recycling by restaurants. Councilmember Sandoval requested an update on the progress of this initiative.

Councilmember Perry requested a comparison of the cost per person in the SA Kids Breathe Program and the cost of emergency room visits and/or hospitalization.

**RECESSED**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Rocha Garcia recessed the meeting at 5:15 pm to continue Human Services and Delegate Agencies until August 14, 2019.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**  
MAYOR

Attest:

**LETICIA M. VACEK, TRMC/CMCMC**  
City Clerk