

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF EIGHT APPLICATIONS TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF UP TO EIGHT PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATES IN THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 2020, AND THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

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WHEREAS, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) has developed an eleven year collaboration 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 eleven 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; and

WHEREAS, three are working at Metro Health and of the sixteen that have completed this program, over half have continued working or studying in public health and the majority of the rest are working or studying in health related fields; and

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

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

WHEREAS, they 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 them with professional training that augments their knowledge and skills beyond local training; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will allow eight Public Health Associates to work in Metro Health's Community Health, Communicable Disease, Environmental Health and Operations Divisions, or support the medical and Director's Office where they will assist programs with the delivery of public health services to the community, such as in SA Kids BREATHE, Project Worth/ACEs, Violence Prevention, Tuberculosis, Operations, Public Relations, Oral Health and special projects with the Medical Director and the Health Director; and

WHEREAS, if Metro Health is again selected to be a PHAP host site, then 2020 will be the 12th 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 or designee is authorized to submit eight applications to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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 2020 is hereby authorized. A copy of each said application which is incorporated herein for all purposes is on file with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said applications and the assignment of said CDC employees in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District referenced in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The department will record an in-kind transaction for the services authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney