

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018
8:30 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, *District 2*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Dr. Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Melody Woosley, *Director, Department of Human Services*; David McCary, *Director, Solid Waste Management Department*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer*; Mario Martinez, *Interim Assistant Director, Metro Health*; Josephine Valencia, *Assistant Director, Solid Waste Management Department*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Program Administrator, Department of Human Services*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Kathy Fletcher, *President/CEO, Voices for Children*; Eusebio Diaz, *Vice President, Baptist Health Foundation*

Call to order

Chairperson Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 25, 2018 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Citizens to be Heard

Chairperson Sandoval elected to have citizens speak following the applicable agenda items.

Briefing and Possible Action on:

2. A Briefing by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Public Health. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director, Health]

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that there were three types of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): 1) Abuse; 2) Neglect; and 3) Household Dysfunction. She noted that of 17,000 ACE study participants; 64% had at least one ACE. She stated that ACEs caused toxic stress and harmed brain architecture. She noted that ACEs can have lasting effects on:

- Health (obesity, diabetes, depression, suicide attempts, STDs, heart disease, cancer, stroke, COPD, broken bones)
- Behaviors (smoking, alcoholism, drug use)
- Life potential (graduation rates, academic achievement, lost time from work)

Dr. Bridger stated that ACEs dramatically increased the risk for seven out of 10 leading causes of death. She noted that without intervention, there could be a 20-year difference in life expectancy. She stated that high ACEs can be overcome and reviewed a case study for Walla Walla, Washington. She spoke of the factors which created resiliency in children. She noted that communities could help by raising awareness of ACEs and stated that ACE studies continue.

Chairperson Sandoval called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Cathy Fletcher expressed concern that children would not be ready for school because of ACEs.

Eusebio Diaz commented that racism and poverty were toxic stressors.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke of the vulnerability of certain groups and suggested that staff consider how to take this to the community.

Councilmember Pelaez asked of the next steps. Dr. Bridger stated that the next step was to create a culture change. Councilmember Pelaez requested a presentation of domestic violence and how it related to ACEs.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked what the city was doing to combat this problem. Dr. Bridger replied that she would report back. Councilmember Brockhouse spoke in support of a faith-based component to address ACEs.

Councilmember Pelaez requested a list of available resources to address ACEs.

Chairperson Sandoval stated that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) could only intervene in terms of safety. She asked of interaction between SAPD and the Department of Human Services. Melody Woosley stated that the Department of Human Services partnered with SAPD to address homelessness.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and Possible Action on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for November and December 2017. [Maria Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Rebecca Flores reviewed the items presented for consideration by the Committee. She stated that the Head Start Program was required to perform a self-assessment which included strengths and areas for improvement. She noted that the 2018-2023 Head Start Five-Year Strategic Plan included the following goals:

1. Education-Prepare children for school and life
2. Family support-Promote well-being of families to enable them to support their children's learning and development
3. Health-Ensure children are healthy and ready to learn
4. Environmental Health and Safety-Support the care of children by creating safe environments
5. Highly qualified staff-Recruit and retain highly qualified staff

Ms. Flores reviewed the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA) eligibility and recruitment schedule. She stated that the Head Start and Early Head Start grant applications would be brought before the full City Council for consideration on March 8, 2018. She reviewed the program and fiscal report for Early Head Start and Head Start.

Chairperson Sandoval asked of environmental health and safety. Ms. Flores stated that this was related to the quality of the facility and noted that a checklist was in place to ensure environmental health and safety.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to recommend and forward the following to the full City Council for consideration on March 8, 2018:

- 2016-2017 Self-Assessment Report
- 2018-2023 Head Start Program Five-Year Strategic Plan
- 2018-2019 Eligibility and selection (ERSEA) point matrix and schedule
- 2018-2019 Head Start ERSEA policy updates

Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Shaw entered the meeting at this time.

4. A Briefing on the Current Recycling Market and a Proposed Fee of \$50 to Reduce the Number of Diapers Placed into the Recycling and Organics Carts. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; David W. McCary, Director, Solid Waste Management Department]

David McCary reviewed the history of recycling in San Antonio. He stated that positive net revenues often exceeding \$40 per ton were seen. He spoke of the contamination of the recycling carts and noted that diaper contamination increased the cost to the city. He stated that 250 lbs. of diapers were observed each hour from recycling carts causing up to a 28% contamination rate. He noted that staff proposed a \$50 Contamination Fee to make up for lost revenues, up from the current fee of \$25. He stated that in 2016, messaging, outreach, and enforcement were performed to reduce contamination. He presented a video of recycling efforts and noted that in 2013, the industry became more sensitive to the quality of materials. He noted that the city paid \$1.2 million annually in Contamination Fees. He stated that the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) implemented a program consisting of outreach and enforcement to address the issue. He noted that the current contamination rate was approximately 18% following the implementation of the \$25 Contamination Fee, which was approaching the target goal of 10% contamination or less. He stated that the impact of the \$25 fee has

created a positive effect on reducing overall contamination but that diaper contamination had not seen an improvement. He stated that the fees were assessed by Route Inspectors which observe the contamination through audits of individual carts on the collection routes. He noted that staff proposed to amend the City Code, Chapter 14, to authorize a \$50 Contamination Fee specifically for diapers only, placed into the recycling or organic carts.

Councilmember Saldaña asked what was done two years ago to combat this problem. Mr. McCary replied that the city created an ordinance to assess a \$25 fee for all contaminants.

Councilmember Pelaez noted that it was difficult to identify violators.

Councilmember Brockhouse expressed support for this item. He spoke of educating the public before the new fee was implemented.

Councilmember Shaw asked if a potential hardship could be seen as the result of the fee. Mr. McCary replied that SWMD would work with violators.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to recommend and forward the recommendation to amend the City Code, Chapter 14, to include a \$50 Contamination Fee specifically for diapers placed in the recycling or organics carts and to clarify that the \$25 Contamination Fee would be assessed for other contaminants to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk