

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 23, 2019
2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember Art A. Hall, *District 2*
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Staff Present: Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Colleen Bridger, *Interim Assistant City Manager*; Jennifer Herriott, *Interim Director, Metro Health*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability*; Audrey Jackson, *Head Start Administrator, Head Start*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Program Administrator*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Mandie Svatek, *SAKB Medical Advisor, UT Health*; Cara Hausler, MPH, *SAKB Program Manager, UT Health*; Matthew Perez, *Intern, UT Austin*

Call to order

Chairwoman Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the April 25, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting

Councilmember Hall moved to approve the minutes for the April 25, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Briefing and Possible Action on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for April 2019. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Interim Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Audrey Jackson presented 53 policy updates for the Head Start (HS) Program and 39 policy updates for the Early Head Start (EHS) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 for approval by the Committee. She noted that consistent with the terms and conditions of the Notice of Award (NOA), the Department of Human Services (DHS) HS Program completed a screening of the

governance and leadership capacity and developed a plan to address identified training needs. She stated that this item was completed and reviewed by the Head Start Policy Council on April 23, 2019 and had been submitted to Head Start. She noted that carry-over funding of \$496,840 from previous years was received for the August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019 grant period and said funds were utilized for infrastructure improvements. She stated that within 45 calendar days after the child first attends the HS Program or, for the home-based program option, receives a home visit, the HS Program must either obtain or perform evidence-based vision and hearing screenings. She presented the results of the hearing and vision screenings for the EHS and HS Programs and provided the following monthly program updates:

Indicator	HS	EHS
% of children enrolled	100%	100%
Average daily attendance	93.9%	95%
Physical/Well-Child Exams	99%	100%
Family Partnership Agreements	99%	100%

Ms. Jackson reported that the Budget for EHS was \$4.1 million in FY 2018 and the Budget for HS was \$29.9 million for FY 2018 and \$29.9 million for FY 2019.

Councilmember Hall moved to approve the 53 policy updates for the HS Program and the 39 policy updates for the EHS Program. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. A Briefing by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District on the Asthma Home Teaching Program, SA Kids B.R.E.A.T.H.E. [Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Interim Assistant City Manager; Jennifer Herriott, MPH, Interim Director, Health]

Dr. Mandie Svatek stated that over six million children ages 0-17 in the United States have asthma (1 in 12 children). She noted that poor and minority children were disproportionately affected with 10.5% of children living in poverty suffering from asthma. She stated that the Texas Department of State Health Services reported that the 2015 inpatient childhood asthma hospitalization rate in Bexar County was 177% higher than the Texas average. She noted that the high rates of local childhood asthma hospitalizations led the South Texas Asthma Coalition (STAC) to re-form in 2018. She stated that STAC developed plans for the Home Health Initiative for high risk asthma patients and partnered with the San Antonio City Council for the initial funding. She noted that 13 STAC and community members formed the San Antonio Kids Breathe (Building Relationships, Effective Asthma Teaching in Home Environments) Advisory Council (Advisory Council) to guide the new program. She stated that SA Kids Breathe Advisory Council's purpose was to provide expert guidance and feedback to ensure the successful implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of the SA Kids Breathe Program (Program). She noted that the Advisory Council was comprised of experts in program evaluation, school health, community interventions, community engagement, managed care, vulnerable populations, pediatric allergy, and asthma.

Cara Hausler reviewed the SA Kids Breathe Program structure and the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the Program. She stated that once a child was referred to the Program, Community Health Workers conducted a minimum of five to six visits:

- 3-4 home visits
- Health Care Provider Visit
- School or daycare visit

Ms. Hausler noted that services may last up to 12 months to allow for adequate follow-up, seasonal changes, and reinforcement of education and services were provided at no cost. She reviewed the following education and services provided:

- ❖ Asthma device techniques
- ❖ Home assessment for triggers
- ❖ Understanding the Asthma Action Plan
- ❖ Understanding the child's asthma medications
- ❖ Strengthening the family's relationship with the child's health care provider
- ❖ Building a strong connection with the school nurse
- ❖ Referrals to community resources, as needed

She stated that evaluations of the reduction of asthma exacerbations would be performed at 6 and 12 months. She reviewed the staff which were hired and trained, tools developed, and services provided to date. She noted that multiple outreach efforts have been made to increase awareness and increase referrals among partners and the community. She listed the following program goals:

- Keep kids out of the hospital
- Keep kids in school
- Keep parents at work
- Save families and healthcare systems money

Councilmember Pelaez expressed his support for the Program.

Councilmember Hall asked of the total cost of the Program. Ms. Hausler stated that the cost for the first year of the Program was \$358,000.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked if it were anticipated that the Program would have agreements in the second year with insurance companies and managed care organizations. Dr. Svatek replied that they did.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing and Possible Action on a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. and the City of San Antonio in Support of the American Cities Climate Challenge. [Roderick J. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Douglas Melnick stated that the City of San Antonio (CoSA) was selected as a Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC) City in January 2019. He noted that the ACCC Initiative aimed to accelerate and deepen U.S. Cities' efforts to:

- Reduce building energy use
- Increase renewable energy
- Reduce vehicle travel
- Electrify vehicles
- Reach Paris Climate Goals

Mr. Melnick stated that the ACCC Initiative was a two-year program which would commence in December 2020 and provide up to \$2.5 million in direct and technical support. He noted that the award would fund:

- Two National Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC) contract employees located within the Office of Sustainability
- Data, design, research, and innovation resources from national experts
- Economic analysis assistance
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking
- Citizen engagement and outreach support
- Polling and communications support
- Leadership development support for city officials
- Implementation assistance

Mr. Melnick provided examples of technical assistance provided and reviewed the following ACCC strategies:

1. New financing programs for energy efficiency, renewables, and infrastructure
2. Meeting municipal electricity demand with renewable energy
3. EV and solar readiness policies
4. Benchmarking, audit, and retro-commissioning policies for existing buildings
5. Transportation demand management and commuter incentives
6. Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and CoSA fleet evaluation
7. Improving public transit speed, reliability, and user experience
8. Define and expand the high-frequency public transit network to achieve significant ridership increases

Mr. Melnick reviewed the timeline and demonstrated how said strategies aligned with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, SA Tomorrow, and various projects. He reviewed the elements of the Memorandum of Understanding with the NRDC.

Councilmember Hall asked if the goal was to generate a report or develop policy. Mr. Melnick replied that the goal was to develop a policy or a program within the next two years to implement.

Councilmember Brockhouse expressed concern over the political beliefs of the NRDC and whether they align with those of the City.

Councilmember Pelaez expressed concern over several items in the MOU and requested that it be revised.

Colleen Bridger stated that Councilmember feedback would be taken into consideration and a memorandum would be distributed stating how Councilmember's concerns would be addressed. She noted that the MOU would then be brought before the full City Council for consideration.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked when Committee Members could expect to receive said memorandum. Mr. Melnick replied that said memorandum would be distributed to members in one to two weeks.

No action was required for Item 4.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Treviño, Office of the City Clerk