

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020
6:00 PM
ST. PHILLIP'S COLLEGE**

Members Present:	Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>Chair, District 6</i> Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Maria Villagómez, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Colleen Bridger, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; William McManus, <i>Chief of Police, SAPD</i> ; Charles N. Hood, <i>Fire Chief</i> ; Robert Blanton, <i>Deputy Chief, SAPD</i> ; Andrew Estrada, <i>Assistant Chief, SAFD</i> ; Adolph Zuniga, <i>Captain, SAPD</i> ; Jesse Salame, <i>Lieutenant, SAPD</i> ; Angel Castello, <i>Lieutenant, SAPD</i> ; Danny Martinez, <i>Sergeant, SAFD</i> ; Chris Velasquez, <i>Fire Engineer, SAFD</i> ; Denice F. Treviño, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Michelle Rodriguez, <i>Moms Demand Action</i> ; Javier Patlan, <i>SAPFFA</i> ; Joe Alderete III, <i>SAPFFA</i> ; Rudy Morales, <i>SAPFFA</i> ; Richard Perez, <i>Serve the City Outreach</i> ; John Butchkosky, <i>Texas Alliance for Human Needs</i> ; Theresa Ho, <i>MOVE Texas</i> ; Ted Bonnet, <i>Professional Handgun Training</i> ; Ben La Rosa; Lara Garza; Roy E. Rohrer; Rachel Rohrer; Rebekah Rohrer; Gwen Johnson; Robert Rodriguez

Call to order

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Public Safety Committee Meeting on November 19, 2019

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Public Comments

Ted Bonnet spoke in favor of people exercising their second amendment rights.

Lara Garza spoke of methadone being provided to citizens by the City.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Unit. [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that in 2008, the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) created the Mental Health Unit (MHU) which has become an internationally-recognized program. He noted that the purpose of the MHU was to enhance public safety and respond to the chronically homeless, mentally ill, and chemically dependent individuals by: 1) Fostering trust among the mentally ill and homeless; 2) Forging partnerships with advocacy agencies; 3) Identifying and supporting high utilizers and those that pose potential public safety risk; and 4) Enhancing Officer/community response through crisis intervention training. He stated that in 2018, the MHU became part of the Southwest Texas Fusion Center to promote coordination and information sharing on individuals in crisis and potential public safety issues. He noted that the IMPACT Team was comprised of members of the SAPD MHU and SAFD EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Team with the following objectives:

- Improve public safety and quality of life
- Accurately identify immediate medical need(s)
- Create streamlined treatment process
- Introduce case management to achieve long-term success

Chief McManus stated that the HOPE Team was created in 2016, and was comprised of two Officers who provide outreach to the homeless community by providing information on available resources and services. He noted that the HOPE Team has made 4,088 contacts, 4,863 referrals, and provided 1,175 Texas ID recoveries, and 400 birth certificates. He stated that the Chronic Crisis Stabilization Initiative was developed through the MHU and its purpose was to identify individuals with a serious mental illness that made a high number of 9-1-1 calls for service or who made threats of violence or were violent at the time of a police encounter. He noted that the goal of the initiative was to address mental health issues of individuals and reduce the frequency of contact with law enforcement. He stated that 43 individuals had been placed in the program and following case management, the calls to police in the last quarter were reduced by 68%.

Chief McManus stated that the Program for Intensive Care Coordination was a collaboration between SAPD, the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), the Center for Health Care Services (CHCS), and the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) and was funded from the South Texas Crisis Collaborative (STCC) to reduce the number of high volume emergency detentions to local hospitals. He stated that Officers assisted with early intervention through assessments, navigation to the appropriate facility, monitoring the patient's treatment plan and conducting follow up visits. He noted that the Mental Health Threat Assessment Team, represented by the MHU, the Southwest Texas Fusion Center, SAFD, and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, assessed and managed public safety threats by individuals diagnosed with possible mental illness. He stated that Police Cadets were required to complete 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) which exceeded the 16-hour State requirement and Officers received eight hours of in-service CIT Training.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked of city-funded Methadone Clinics. Dr. Bridger stated that Methadone was distributed by the Center for Health Care Services and not by the City.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the number of threats which involved firearms. Captain Adolph Zuniga stated that information on the number of threats which involved firearms would be provided.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked of efforts to address mental health issues of Veterans returning from war. Chief McManus stated that extensive de-escalation training was included in the Police Academy training and Police Psychologists were available to address these issues.

Councilmember Perry requested information on the number of criminal trespassing cases accepted by the District Attorney's Office which were released and those which were prosecuted. He requested information on the number of individuals which were referred and accepted treatment, and information on the case load of the clinicians.

3. Briefing on the San Antonio Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program.

[Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

Chief Hood stated that the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) recently won the 2019 EMS Service of the Year Award. He noted that on October 1, 2014, SAFD began a six-month pilot Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program which focused on patients with high volume use of the 9-1-1 System. He stated that on May 1, 2019, the MIH Program became permanent and the MIH Consortium was formed which was comprised of SAFD, STRAC, and the Canyon Lake, Schertz, and New Braunfels Fire Departments. He noted that for a one-year time period prior to the MIH Program there were 1,142 calls, and for a one-year time period after the pilot program was instituted there were 236 calls which translated to a 78% reduction in the number of calls received.

Chief Hood stated that the San Antonio Integrated Mobile Partners Action Care Team (IMPACT) Project was a collaboration between the SAFD and the SAPD MHU. He noted that the SAFD Hospice Program focused on providing care to terminal patients in their home which were enrolled in hospice in collaboration with hospice services in the San Antonio area. He stated that SAFD MIH Program launched a partnership with Haven for Hope and Centro Med to establish an Acute Care Station (ACS) at the Haven for Hope campus.

Chief Hood noted that the SAFD Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) Program, in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing, was formed to address the opioid crisis in Bexar County and the surrounding area. He stated that the goal of the program was to engage with residents who had overdosed on opioids in the past 72 hours to distribute Narcan and provide CPR training along with recovery options. He noted that the Threat Assessment Group was comprised of representatives from:

- Bexar County Sheriff's Office
- SAPD
- SAFD
- TxDOT
- Southwest Texas Fusion Center
- Bexar County
- U.S. DOJ, FBI
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- STRAC
- Center for Health Care Services

Chief Hood stated that the group's goal was to share information. He noted that MIH Paramedics in conjunction with SAPD's MHU, the Center for Health Care Services, and the South Texas Crisis Collaborative (STCC) had formed the Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC) Team. He stated that the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program started immediate Medication Assisted Recovery for patients with an addiction to opioids as a temporary bridge to get the patient to a detoxification bed and program. He noted that SAFD has received the 2019 Elder Award, and the Texas Human Services Commission Award.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked of Budget savings as the result of the programs. Chief Hood stated that decreased man hours and unit availability contributed to the value that the programs provided.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how diabetes, lack of medication, and high blood pressure were addressed. Chief Hood replied that those issues were addressed depending on the situation and he provided some examples.

Councilmember Viagran asked what the decrease in calls from high volume utilizers was due to. Chris Velasquez replied that the decrease in calls from high volume utilizers was mainly due to patient engagement.

Councilmember Perry requested metrics on all of the programs. He asked who determined the number of high volume utilizers. Chief Hood replied that the number of high volume utilizers was determined through the Computer-Aided Dispatch System (CADS). Councilmember Perry requested information on the costs and revenue associated with the programs.

Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

There were no items for future meetings considered.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk