

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017  
2:00 P.M.  
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*  
Councilmember Cruz Shaw, *District 2*  
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*  
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

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**Staff Present:** Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Maria Villagómez, *Assistant City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Assistant City Manager*; Andy Segovia, *City Attorney*; Ed Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Kristine Duff, *Assistant City Attorney*; Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer*; Kiran Bains, *Chief Equity Officer*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Policy and Services Administrator*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Jim Reed, *President, San Antonio Medical Foundation*; Rob Tillyer, *Professor, UTSA*; Francine Romero, *Professor, UTSA*; Dan Deane, M.D., *Pediatric Pulmonologist*; Bobby Mengden, *Area Manager, AECOM*; Natalie Goodman, *Resilience Consultant, AECOM*; Jeanne Geiger, *Deputy Director, AAMPO*; Chelsea Giles, *Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, SARA*; Jenny Shepherd, *President, Bexar County Medical Society Alliance*; Stephanie Reyes, *Vice President of Public Affairs, SA Chamber*; Brian Chasnoff, *Columnist, Express News*; Mitch Hagney, *President, Food Policy Council*; Dr. Meredith McGuire, *Alamo Sierra Club*

**Call to order**

Chairperson Sandoval called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 24, 2017 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting.**

Councilmember Shaw moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

Chairperson Sandoval called upon the citizen registered to speak.

Daniel Deane expressed concern over the lack of a Citywide Asthma Education Program which would address self-management in families and children. He noted that School Nurses played an important role in education for asthma patients.

**Briefing and Possible Action on:**

Item 2A was addressed at this time.

**2A.A Briefing on the San Antonio Area Air Quality/Non-Attainment Status.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Douglas Melnick stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates ozone as part of the Clean Air Act and reviewed the ozone design value. He stated that the EPA released a more stringent "health-based" air pollution standard of 70 parts per billion (ppb) (the prior standard was 75 ppb) on October 1, 2015, impacting San Antonio's air quality attainment status. He noted that air quality was a significant priority for the City Council, as it had an impact on our community's public and economic health. He stated that on June 6, 2017, the EPA sent a letter to Governors to inform them that the EPA was extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations by one year (to June 2018) for the 2015 Ozone Federal Air Quality Standard. He noted that on August 2, 2017, the EPA Administrator announced that it was withholding the one-year extension of the deadline for implementing initial non-attainment designations for the 2015 Ozone Federal Air Quality Standard. He stated that designations were to proceed as scheduled in October 2017. He noted that San Antonio would most likely be designated marginal non-attainment this Fall, as the most current air monitoring reading of 73 ppb exceeds the new federal standard of 70 ppb. He stated that as a result of this revised timeline, the Office of Sustainability and Metro Health have initiated an analysis of the current air quality program and what additional programs, services, and funding changes would be required for the City of San Antonio's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Air Quality Program. He noted that the Office of Sustainability and Metro Health would outline a list of air quality programs to be implemented in FY 2018 as well as initiatives to inform the community on the impacts of non-attainment to the regional economy and public health. He stated that if the EPA issued a non-attainment designation letter to the Governor on October 1, 2017, non-attainment for San Antonio and any other designated areas would take effect in February 2018. He noted that staff expected the designation to be in the Marginal Classification, which had the following requirements:

- Completion of an emissions inventory
- Collection of emissions statements
- Processing of new source review permits
- Demonstration transportation conformity

He stated that city staff would continue to collaborate with Federal, State, and Local entities to evaluate opportunities and implement local policies to reduce air pollution.

Item 2 was addressed at this time.

**2. A Briefing on the Air Quality Public Health Analysis. [Rod Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]**

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that the Office of Sustainability and Metro Health retained a consultant to complete an air quality health analysis to estimate the health and cost impacts of ambient ozone pollution to Bexar County Residents. She noted that the goal of the analysis was to estimate the health and costs impacts of changes in outdoor ozone levels on Bexar County Residents utilizing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environment Benefits Mapping and Analysis Program (BenMAP) Model. She stated that BenMAP was utilized by the EPA for regulatory assessments and was the standard tool for performing this type of analysis. She noted that BenMap utilized epidemiological data, ozone monitoring and modeling data, and health and population data to calculate health impacts and the resulting costs. She stated that the consultant selected estimated the health impacts and associated costs of changes in ozone levels utilizing 2010-2014 ozone monitoring data. She noted that ozone formed through natural processes in the upper atmosphere and was beneficial to life by shielding the earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun. She stated that ozone at ground-level was harmful to public health especially on hot sunny days when ozone can reach unhealthy levels. She noted that the analysis completed estimated a total of 19 deaths per year due to long-term respiratory conditions from ozone monitor levels in the range of 77 to 80 parts per billion (ppb). She stated that this represented about 2% of all annual respiratory deaths in Bexar County. She noted that the cost associated with these additional deaths was estimated to be \$170,000,000.00 in 2014 dollars. She stated that the consultant also assessed the impacts to air quality and air quality-related public health indicators as a result of projected climate change trends and its impact on ozone pollution within the Bexar County Area. She noted that the effects of a changing climate would affect the City of San Antonio's efforts to achieve the goal with the new ozone standard. She stated that the consultant's report was reviewed by a Project Oversight Committee consisting of internal city staff and subject matter experts. She noted that in addition, city staff completed a third party peer review process.

Chairperson Sandoval requested that the identification of additional health impacts be made before these items were brought before the full City Council at B Session.

Councilmember Shaw spoke of being proactive in these matters.

Councilmember Brockhouse spoke of the information being marketable.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to bring these items before the full City Council at a B Session. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairperson Sandoval spoke of the city having a distinct role on directions for maintaining ozone levels.

Item 5 was addressed at this time.

**5. Briefing on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for June 2017.** [Maria Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Rebecca Flores stated that the Head Start Program and the Early Head Start Programs (Program) served infants and children, ages six weeks to five years. She noted that the Head Start Program partnered with the San Antonio and Edgewood Independent School Districts to provide services. She spoke of the services provided to the families of participants and the impact of schools on health. She provided the following information regarding both Programs:

HEAD START	EARLY HEAD START
Median household income \$14,400	Median household income \$3,970
Homeless or in Foster Care 14%	Homeless or in Foster Care 31%
Children diagnosed with a disability 14%	Children with suspected disability 12%

She reviewed the Early Head Start and Head Start locations. She stated that there were six Early Head Start sites and 21 Head Start locations. She provided the following program and fiscal report for Head Start:

Indicator	Status
Enrollment	2,982 students (June)
Waitlist	18 students (year to date)
Attendance (85% required)	91% (June)
Physical Exams (100% goal)	99% (year to date)
First home visit (Required two annually)	96% (year to date)
Second home visit (Required two annually)	98% (year to date)
Family Needs Assessment (100% goal)	94% (year to date)
% of Budget spent (total budget \$28.1million)	28% or \$7.9 million

She stated that the fiscal year 2018 program year began on February 1, 2017 and would end on January 31, 2018. She provided the following program and fiscal report for Early Head Start:

Indicator	Status
Enrollment	207 students (June)
Waitlist	256 students (year to date)
Attendance (minimum 85%)	85% (June)
Well-child exams (100% goal)	66% (year to date)
First home visit (Required two annually)	90% (year to date)
Second home visit (Required two annually)	83% (year to date)
Family needs assessment (100% goal)	98% (year to date)

Ms. Flores reviewed the Early Head Start and Head Start policy revisions and the Head Start budget distribution. She stated that there were 67 policy revisions for the Head Start Program and 66 policy revisions for the Early Head Start Program. She noted that the Committee and the Head Start Policy Council provided shared governance oversight of the Head Start Programs.

Chairperson Sandoval asked of the time needed to process the revisions. Ms. Flores stated that the revisions required months of preparation.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the Head Start and Early Head Start child care partnership policies and the Head Start and Early Head Start programs and fiscal monthly activity for June 2017. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Brockhouse exited the meeting and no quorum was present. Committee Members were briefed on the following items:


3. **A Briefing on the Status of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]
4. **A Briefing on the Current Resilience Planning Efforts.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

  
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*Ana Sandoval, Chair*

*Respectfully Submitted*

  
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*Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk*

