



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Community Health and Equity Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Assistant City Manager, Interim Health Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:** A briefing on updates to the Health Transition Team Implementation Plan

**SUMMARY:**

Metro Health will provide a monthly briefing on the progress of the Health Transition Team Implementation Plan including a budget update.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Since January, Metro Health and SAFD, alongside other community partners like the South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), have been working to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. They worked in concert with the CDC, Health and Human Services (HHS), the office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Texas Department of State Health Services to provide evacuee and traveler response on JBSA-Lackland and later to provide direct response to the emerging pandemic situation in San Antonio.

The Mayor and County Judge, as a part of their response to the pandemic situation, created a Health Transition Team whose primary goal was to outline guidance around warning and progress indicators to assist City and County leadership as they formulated guidance for reopening San Antonio and Bexar County.

Metro Health and SAFD have taken that guidance and created an implementation plan to operationalize the guidance provided by the Health Transition Team. The Health Transition Team (HTT) Implementation plan is built to provide the indicators behind decision making, the actions proposed to expand capacity and ability to analyze, and the plans for assuring the general public that the decisions made are backed up by the data analyzed.

The COVID-19 Community Response Coalition (CRC) led by co-chairs, Dr. Colleen Bridger and Dr. Barbara Taylor are providing oversight to the Implementation Plan. The Coalition is made up of 5 distinct workgroups contributing in areas outlined in three phases: Watch (Indicator Workgroup); Expand (Testing & Lab Reporting Workgroup and Contact Tracing Workgroup); and Assure (Enforcement & Education Workgroup and Policy & Health Alerts Workgroup).

Initial details of the HTT Implementation plan were presented to the Community Health and Equity Committee in June 2020. The intent of this presentation is to provide an update on the budget expenses and work completed by the CRC to date.

**ISSUE:**

Metro Health would like the opportunity to brief the Community Health and Equity Committee on updates to the Health Transition Team Implementation Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.