



## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 10, 2023

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### Committee Members Present:

1. Mayor Kirk Watson
2. Chair Vanessa Fuentes
3. Co-Chair José Velásquez

### Additional Council Members on the dais

1. Ryan Alter

### Committee Members Absent:

1. Mackenzie Kelly
2. José “Chito” Vela

### Call to Order

**Chair Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

### Public Communication: General

No speakers

### Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee meeting minutes for the April 12, 2022.**

The minutes of the April 12, 2023, Public Health Committee meeting were approved on unanimously consent with Council Member Kelly and Vela off the dais.

### Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action on a proposed resolution for Council consideration regarding mental health first aid**

On a motion by Council Member Fuentes and second by Mayor Watson, the Committee recommended sending the item to full Council on the vote 3-0.

### Briefing

3. **Briefing on the Mental Health Diversion Program from Pilar Sanchez, County Executive with Travis County Health and Human Services.**

Received briefing from Travis County Judge Andy Brown, Commissioner Ann Howard, Division Director Laura Peveto and staff on the piloting of the Mental Health Diversion Program.

4. **Briefing on Mental Health First Aid initiative from Raul Alvarez, Executive Director of Community Advancement Network.**

Received briefing from Raul Alvarez Executive Director of Community Advancement Network on the services and initiatives promoting Mental Health First Aid.

5. **Briefing on City of Austin mental health initiatives.**

Received briefing from Laura LaFuente, Assistant Director in Austin Public Health on the initiatives for staff to attend Mental Health First Aid training.

**6. Briefing on the Community Health Paramedics Mental Health Response Unit from the Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department.**

Received briefing from Asst. Chief Hopkins and staff from Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services related mental health response services in the community.

Future Items

**7. No discussion**

**Chair Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:06a.m.**

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