



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

FROM: David Gray, Homeless Strategy Officer *David Gray*

DATE: January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: **Staff Update Regarding Data Sharing between City Funded Housing Providers, Clinical Providers, and Public Health Agencies (Resolution No. 20221201-049)**

This memo provides an update for [Resolution No. 20221201-049](#), which directed the City Manager to participate in efforts by the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), Integrated Care Collaboration (ICC), and University of Texas (UT) Austin Dell Medical School's Department of Population Health to support, incentivize, and streamline private and secure data sharing between city-funded housing providers, clinical providers, and public health agencies.

Homeless Strategy Office (HSO) staff consulted with the Austin Public Health (APH) Information Technology Division (IT) to understand the risks and requirements associated with this resolution. APH has little client-level data to share for this effort, and IT raised several concerns regarding data privacy and data security sharing. HSO is generally supportive of data sharing efforts and would like to participate in further conversations that will define the creation and implementation of a community-wide public health data-sharing process or system.

The parties identified in the resolution are in contact to schedule recurring working group meetings. HSO regularly communicates with ECHO leadership and remains ready to support multisector collaboration around public health data sharing to improve the timeliness and quality of data to strengthen local decision-making.

Please contact me at 512-974-7836 or via email at David.Gray@austintexas.gov if you have any questions.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager