THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2024

Public Health Committee Members Present:

1. Chair Vanessa Fuentes
2. Vice-Chair José Velásquez
3. Ryan Alter
4. Zohaib "Zo" Qadri

Call to Order

Chair Vanessa Fuentes called the Public Health Committee meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Public Communication:

No speakers

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee minutes for the September 4, 2024 meeting.**
   The minutes for the September 4, 2024 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved. On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez, and the second by Council Member Qadri. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action to consider appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers.**
   Discussed matters personal matters related to item 6. No action.

3. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Public Health Committee meeting dates for 2025.**
   The proposed meeting dates were approved with the exception of the January 8, 2025 and July 2, 2025 dates were approved. On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez, and the second by Council Member Ryan Alter. The motion passed vote 3-0, with Council Member Qadri off the dais.

Briefings

4. **Receive an update from Central Health on the Housing for Health Partnership, Respite Care, and services for unhoused community members.**
   Postponed until the December 4, 2024 meeting.

5. **Receive an update on student and youth homelessness from Homeless Strategy Office.**
   Postponed until the December 4, 2024 meeting.

Executive Session

6. **Discuss the selection of member(s) to the Central Health Board of Managers (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**
   Discussed matters personal matters related to item 6. No action.

7. **A briefing on the State of the Homelessness Response System in Austin and Travis County by the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)**
   Received the briefing on the State of the Homelessness Response System in Austin and Travis County by Kate Moore, VP of Homelessness Response System Strategy, ECHO , Joseph Montano, Director of Research and Evaluation, ECHO, Akram Al-Turk, former ECHO with recommendations to expanding current investments, development new investments, continue to prioritize collaboration and partner with other funders No action.

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Future Items

Receive an update from Central Health on the Housing for Health Partnership, Respite Care, and services for unhoused community members.

Chair Fuentes adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:37 AM.

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