



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council, Mobile Integrated Health/Mental Health Unit Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC) Donation Acceptance

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) up to the amount of \$409,644.00 for the Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC) and appropriates funds to be used by the Mental Health Unit of the SAPD. Funds will be used to improve outpatient services of residents who are repeatedly emergency detained by law enforcement officers and taken to local hospitals due to mental illness. Funding is for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The STRAC was established to facilitate the development, implementation, and operation of a regional comprehensive trauma and emergency healthcare system based on accepted standards of care to decrease morbidity and mortality. Funds from STRAC are awarded to assist in improving the functionality of emergency agencies in the State of Texas. In 2019, STRAC received funding for a 6-month pilot program called the Program for Intensive Care Coordination

(PICC) from the South Texas Crisis Collaborative (STCC), which is comprised of various healthcare systems and philanthropic organizations to reduce the number of high-volume emergency detentions to local hospitals. Due to the success of the 6-month pilot program, additional funding was provided for calendar years 2020 to 2024, and now again in 2025.

Since the launch of the program in July 2019, 529 individuals have transitioned out of the program. The number of SAPD emergency detentions routed to local hospitals utilizing STRAC's law enforcement navigation system are as follows:

Calendar Year	Emergency Detentions
2018	7,500
2019	8,890
2020	8,900
2021	9,512
2022	9,465
2023	8,833
2024	8,218

The goal of the PICC is to reduce the number of emergency detentions and hospital costs. This is achieved through intervention. The PICC program utilizes two (2) San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) paramedics to work side by side with two (2) SAPD Mental Health Unit officers and the Local Mental Health Authority-Center Health Care Services (CHCS) personnel to connect with a high-volume utilizer during the pre and post mental health crisis.

A representative from SAFD, SAPD and the Local Mental Health Authority initially meets with each new high-volume utilizer to create a care plan for that individual. Once a care plan is developed the PICC team will work to keep the high-volume utilizer out of crisis and in care. MIH and the Mental Health Unit assists with case management for high volume utilizers who are in need of services.

The PICC team focuses on 100 high volume utilizers, rotating new individuals in as others are successfully discharged from the program. Metrics to identify success include a reduction in emergency detention numbers and reduced hospital costs. The PICC team helps the new or existing client in the compliance of that client's personal care plan to decrease the residents who are repeatedly emergency detained and taken to local hospitals.

ISSUE:

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taken to local hospitals due to mental illness.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds accepted with this ordinance in the amount of \$409,644 will be used to cover overtime cost associated with the SAPD Mental Health personnel participating in the PICC Team. All SAPD Mental Health officers are trained in Crisis Intervention and will provide medical assistance/ social assistance/ law enforcement assistance when needed for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.