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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence Cumulative Progress Report and Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

The Co-Chairs of the Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence (CCDV) released a publication summarizing the progress of the group's efforts since its formation in 2019 and the strategic plan for 2024-2028.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The CCDV was created in 2019 by special order signed by Judge Peter Sakai with the mission to work collaboratively to empower our community to increase safety and justice for all by preventing and effectively intervening in domestic violence and its inter-generational impact. The commission brings together domestic violence stakeholders across all sectors, including healthcare, prosecution, judiciary, law enforcement, education, and non-profits. The Deputy City Manager, María Villagómez, co-chairs the group with Judge Monique Diaz. Several departments

of the City of San Antonio participate in the commission and contribute to its collaboration. In June 2024, the CCDV released its Cumulative Progress Report and new Strategic Plan.

The cumulative report summarizes the collective work of the CCDV from 2019 through 2023. Some highlights of this work include:

- The San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) transition to a victim-centered model in 2020, which seeks to minimize re-traumatization associated with the criminal justice process by providing support through crisis advocates and service providers, empowering survivors as engaged participants in the process, and supporting victims and their families for as long as needed.
- Establishment Bexar County's first Civil Family Violence Prevention Program in 2021, which provides rehabilitative, wrap-around support services to victims, people who use harm, and their children, and compliance services for court orders, including those regarding firearm possession prohibitions.
- Creation of the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Symposium to facilitate community learning on domestic violence strategies, which engages individuals and organizations to understand and foster use of current practices to prevent, intervene, and provide support for people who have experienced domestic violence, whether as a survivor or a person who has caused harm.
- Implementation a community-wide domestic violence awareness communications campaign by partnering with city, business, and community stakeholders to formulate public service announcements aired on local television stations, digital media, and outdoor billboards.

The new strategic plan adopted by CCDV members is based on the San Antonio/Bexar County Violence Prevention Strategic Plan and will be implemented through 2028. The primary strategies include:

- Improving data acquisition, sharing, and utilization.
- Implementing an ongoing comprehensive communications campaign and harnessing social media.
- Incorporating education on healthy relationships early in life.

ISSUE:

The Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence was formed in 2019 as a City-County coalition convening key stakeholders to prevent and intervene in domestic violence across the community. This briefing will summarize the group's progress and strategic plan for the coming years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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