



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** March 28, 2024

**In Control:** Community Health Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

A Briefing on Metro Health's FY 2023 Annual Report and 2024 National Public Health Week activities.

**SUMMARY:**

Metro Health will provide a briefing of the FY2023 Annual Report to include department updates and highlights on the second year of the SA Forward plan as well as an overview of the activities and publicity for National Public Health Week which will be celebrated April 1 – 7, 2024.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Metro Health will provide highlights of the FY2023 Annual Report including second-year highlights of the SA Forward plan, the five-year community blueprint undertaken by the department to protect and improve the health of the community so that all people thrive in healthy, safe communities.

Metro Health will also brief the committee on the 2024 National Public Health Week (NPHW) activities which occur annually during the first week in April. During NPHW (April 1-7, 2024), Metro Health will celebrate public health and highlight wellness programs and services that the department provides in the San Antonio community. Metro Health will support NPHW with a paid advertising campaign and enhanced media coverage on local stations.

#### Calendar of Events for National Public Health Week 2024

- Dr. Fernando A. Guerra Public Health Scholarship: In partnership with the San Antonio Area Foundation, Metro Health is announcing two scholarships per semester, that will be awarded this year in the amount of \$2,500 each. Applications will be open from April 1st to May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

- UTSA Dean's Community Lecture Series: April 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. UTSA Main Campus, Retama Auditorium. Honoring the life and work of Dr. Fernando A. Guerra featuring guest speakers: Brian Castrucci President de Beaumont Foundation, Lyssa Ochoa CEO of the SAVE Clinic, Phil Beckett, PhD CEO of C3HIE and Theresa de la Haya Retired Sr. Vice President of University Health System's Community Health Programs.

- National Public Health Week Proclamation & City Health Gold Medal Ceremony: On April 4<sup>th</sup> during A-Session, Metro Health is scheduled to share the National Public Health Week Proclamation. During this time, CityHealth Leadership (Katrina Forest and Catherine Patterson) and the CEO of de Beaumont Foundation (Brian Castrucci) will be in San Antonio to present Mayor and Council with the Gold Medal and plaques the City earned for accomplishing an overall gold status, for passing policies that improve the health and well-being of its residents by addressing health disparities.

- Public Health Fest: April 4<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. will take place at Mission County Park. This free community event will offer resources, information from Metro Health programs, free vaccinations, fiesta medals, free produce, entertainment, and more.

- Siclovía: April 7<sup>th</sup> 10 p.m. – 2 p.m. Metro Health in partnership with the YMCA will take over N. St. Mary's Street and turn city streets into a safe place for exercise and play. This family-friendly event encourages residents and visitors to get out, get active, and explore their city through car-free streets. Metro Health programs will be providing program information along the route.

#### **ISSUE:**

Metro Health will brief the Community Health Committee on the FY2023 Annual Report and 2024 National Public Health Week activities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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