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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jennifer Mata

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations report

SUMMARY:

Briefing by the Urban Institute and Culturingua on the findings and recommendations of the Urban Institute report *Examining Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations*.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

After the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan, almost 80,000 U.S.-affiliated Afghans resettled in the United States. In the last four years, San Antonio has welcomed 2,919 Afghans through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) programs.

The Urban Institute, a non-profit research group based in New York, released a report titled "Examining Afghan Evacuee's Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations" on March 1, 2024. The report analyzed three study sites—Chicago, San Antonio, and northern Virginia—to examine existing resources, integration barriers, and best practices for future humanitarian populations.

Culturingua is a non-profit organization located in San Antonio with a mission to "elevate the people and heritage of the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia." The organization was involved in the report as a community partner, gathering Afghans to participate in the report and providing input as a stakeholder.

The Urban Institute and Culturingua are co-presenting an overview of the report's findings and recommendations to CHC members.

ISSUE:

The Urban Institute and Culturingua will provide a briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Urban Institute's report, *Examining Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations*.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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