



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis

SUMMARY:

A resolution declaring overdoses a public health crisis and efforts to help reduce fatalities among those facing addiction issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 27, 2023 Councilmember Teri Castillo issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting the City Manager, City Attorney, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health), and other appropriate departments develop a resolution which designates overdoses a public health crisis for City Council consideration and adoption.

On November 20, 2023, Governance Committee voted to discuss this CCR at the Community Health Committee in 2024. On January 24, 2024, the Community Health Committee heard a presentation with spending framework recommendations from Metro Health of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery for Opioid Settlement Funds. A recommended budget for FY24 and FY25 was heard at the Three Plus Nine Financial Report B Session on February 14, 2024, and approved at A Session on May 9, 2024. On June 5, 2024 the draft resolution was presented to the

Community Health Committee and requested to be sent to City Council for adoption.

ISSUE:

Due to the acute need to augment the coordinated response to overdoses, the City Council will consider a Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis. This Resolution will show the City's dedication to collaborating with partners in efforts to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses through initiatives that provide prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the resolution is not approved, City Council will not be able to declare overdoses as a public health crisis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis.