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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing by The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) on the collaborative development of a Strategic Guide focusing on the intersection of Mental Health and Public Safety.

SUMMARY:

Metro Health is leading a collaborative effort to develop a of a Strategic Guide focusing on the intersection of Mental Health and Public Safety for the City of San Antonio.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In April 2022, Metro Health launched its SA Forward plan that provides the strategic direction for the department to protect and improve the health of the San Antonio community. This plan focuses on six priority areas including, among others, Mental Health and Community Resilience.

The City continues its efforts to address the intersection of mental health, public health, and public

safety. Building on existing synergistic efforts and initiatives, Metro Health, the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), and the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) are joining together to examine long-term, evidence-based strategies to enhance the landscape of health in the community.

Internal and external partners will be interviewed to identify opportunities to improve the City's role in the intersection of mental health and public safety. Initiatives from other municipalities and local governments will be explored to learn more about both innovative and established efforts in practice.

ISSUE:

This presentation to the Public Safety Committee will summarize the development process and timeline of the Strategic Guide focusing on the intersection of Mental Health and Public Safety for the City of San Antonio.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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