



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the new Unlocked initiative by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

SUMMARY:

Metro Health seeks to inform the Community Health Committee about the Unlocked team and their community partnerships to serve formerly incarcerated individuals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On Aug. 23, 2021, the CDC awarded Metro Health grant DP21-2109, Community Health Workers for Public Health Response and Resilient Communities. Under this grant, the Access to Care Office established the Community Health Worker (CHW) Hub, which trains community health workers to respond to critical public health issues, engages with community stakeholders and deploys three CHWs as the Unlocked team. The total amount of funding for this grant is \$2.4 million through August of 2024.

Unlocked helps people access healthcare and other resources upon their release from Bexar County Jail. Due to higher than average physical and mental health needs, including recovery from substance use, and immediate needs upon release from incarceration, this population faces hurdles in navigating resources that promote successful reentry and reduce the chance of recidivism. Community health workers stand poised to provide the specialized services this population requires through their training and lived experiences.

ISSUE:

Metro Health seeks to inform the Community Health Committee of this necessary initiative that serves Bexar County's formerly incarcerated individuals to build more resilient communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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