

Crisis Nursery Briefing



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Presentation Overview



- Council Consideration Request on Crisis Nursery Programs
- Crisis Nursey Program model
- Next steps
- Discussion



Background



- September 21, 2023 Council Consideration Request to explore establishment of a cost-free San Antonio Crisis Nursery to provide:
 - Safe and temporary shelter for children at risk of abuse and neglect
 - Family and parenting support
 - Culturally responsive services
- March 20, 2024, Governance Committee recommendation for further consideration and action at the Community Health Committee



Crisis Nursery Program Model



- Residential children's program offering voluntary (non-custodial) crisis respite services
 - Parents addressing crisis or receiving services elsewhere during child's stay
 - Placements are short in duration
- Services are provided by trained professional staff in a licensed facility/home
- Provides individual attention in secure, nurturing environment to meet physical, emotional, developmental and educational needs
- Parents/Guardians connected to counseling and supportive services for long-term assistance



Community Discussion



- Community partners have been exploring the need for and feasibility of a Crisis Nursery initiative in San Antonio
- Human Services, Health, and Police Departments have formed a City of San Antonio working group
- Working group will facilitate community conversations on opportunities, need and potential funding sources available
- The working group will develop a preliminary feasibility assessment to include:
 - Best practices
 - Similar programs in San Antonio
 - Scope of services



Next Steps



- Return to the May Community Health Committee for feedback on the Preliminary Assessment and recommended next steps.



Council Consideration Request - Crisis Nursery



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