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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Overview of the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Control & Prevention Program at Metro Health [Anita K Kurian, Deputy Director, Metro Health]

SUMMARY:

Metro Health will provide a briefing on the activities and the services provided by the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Control & Prevention Program at Metro Health including the local burden of STIs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in STI-related prevention and care activities, including reduced screening. These disruptions in STI-related prevention and care services due to the COVID-19 pandemic likely has continued, leading to the increase in the STI burden that we are currently documenting nationwide. More than 2.5 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and

syphilis were reported nationally and upwards of 22,000 cases were reported in Bexar County in 2021. It has been estimated that the STIs will continue to forge ahead for several more years.

The goal of the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Control & Prevention Program at Metro Health is to reduce the occurrence of STIs in Bexar County through disease surveillance, case & contact investigations, and by providing high-quality STI prevention, care, and treatment, free from stigma and discrimination.

This briefing will provide an overview of the activities and the services provided by three distinct branches within the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Control & Prevention Program at Metro Health, current burden of STI in our community and some of our noteworthy initiatives to tackle this unrelenting momentum of the STI epidemic.

ISSUE:

Metro Health will brief the Community Health Committee on the activities and the services provided by the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Control & Prevention Program at Metro Health including the local burden of STIs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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