

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

ATHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TWO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATES FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION’S PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM IN THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 2022, AND THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) is committed to developing the future public health workforce; and

WHEREAS, the mission of PHAP is to “train and provide experiential learning to early career professionals who contribute to the public health workforce”; and

WHEREAS, PHAP’s comprehensive curriculum focuses on developing associates’ proficiencies in key public health areas via formal instruction and mentoring by the CDC and the host site, as well as on-the-job training at the host site; and

WHEREAS, after completing the two-year CDC-funded assignment, associates are qualified to apply for public health positions at local, state, and national offices; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Associate Program was founded in 2007 as a pilot program to support the CDC’s frontline public health focus and to meet the need for a continual source of field-tested, experienced, and dedicated public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, to date, PHAP has placed more than 1,650 Public Health Associates in public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations across 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, assigned associates are civil service personnel hired by the CDC to serve under an excepted service appointment not-to-exceed two years; and

WHEREAS, assignments are individually tailored to meet local needs in the delivery of public health services such as case investigation, disease surveillance, health promotion, community outreach, and public health policy and accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health has been selected as a host site for 13 years – every year the program has been available in Texas since 2008; the program was not funded in 2009; and

WHEREAS, most recently, on February 18, 2022, Metro Health submitted four applications to become a PHAP host; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health benefits from being a host site; and

WHEREAS, the bright, intelligent associates are an added resource to Metro Health; and

WHEREAS, they come to San Antonio from many different states, bringing with them different perspectives and experiences that enhance services to the community; and

WHEREAS, during this program, the CDC provides them with professional training that augments their knowledge and skills beyond their local training; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will allow two Public Health Associates to work in the following Metro Health program areas: SA Kids BREATHE and the Performance Improvement Team; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The assignment of two Public Health Associates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Public Health Associate Program for dedicated assignment in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for a two-year term beginning October 2022 is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate the assignment of said CDC Public Health Associates in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District referenced in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this __ th day of September 2022.

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Ron Nirenberg

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Item No. 22-186160

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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