



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT

APPROVING CDC PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM ASSIGNEES

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Background

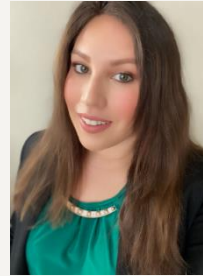
- CDC's Public Health Associate Program (PHAP)
 - Public health training opportunity
 - Geared to recent baccalaureate and master's level graduates
 - Mutually beneficial for Associates and selected host sites
- CDC has placed over 1,650 Associates across the U.S.





Background

- Metro Health has been a PHAP host site for 13 years.
- Metro Health has hosted 24 Associates.
- Currently, Metro Health has three Associates who assist with delivery of public health services to the community.



Bianca Ramirez
2020-2022 Associate
STD/HIV Program



Dylan Sanchez
2021-2023 Associate
TB Program



Emma Norton
2021-2023 Associate
STD/HIV Program



Background

Metro Health applied for up to 4 Public Health Associates to assist in all Metro Health divisions and in the following programs:

- **Performance Improvement Team**
- Ozone Attainment
- **SA Kids BREATHE/Asthma Program**
- TB Program

** of the 4 programs, 2 will receive a PHAP



Background

“We love this program! We benefit from the Associates’ energy and expertise in public health, and in return, we provide great opportunities for them to do meaningful work.”

- Metro Health PHAP Supervisor

“PHAP ensures we have skilled public health professionals ready to enter our workforce, but just as important, it allows us to teach while we obtain the needed assistance in serving our community.”

- Metro Health Workforce Development Coordinator



Fiscal Impact

- Metro Health would host the 2022 Associates from October 2022 to October 2024.
- The CDC's PHAP provides a salary paid directly to the Associate during their two-year field assignments.
- Metro Health provides the office space, equipment, project-based support, supervisor/mentor support, and assessment of the Associate's professional development.
- There is no impact on the General Fund.



Recommendation

Staff recommends authorizing the assignment of two CDC Public Health Associates in Metro Health for a two-year period beginning October 2022 and ending October 2024.