



Southwestern Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) Contribution

City Council Session A
February 9, 2023

Chief Rey Garza, EMS Division



Purpose

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) up to the amount of \$713,609 and appropriates funds for two first responder programs:

- Polysubstance Overdose Prevention Crisis Response
- Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC)

Summary

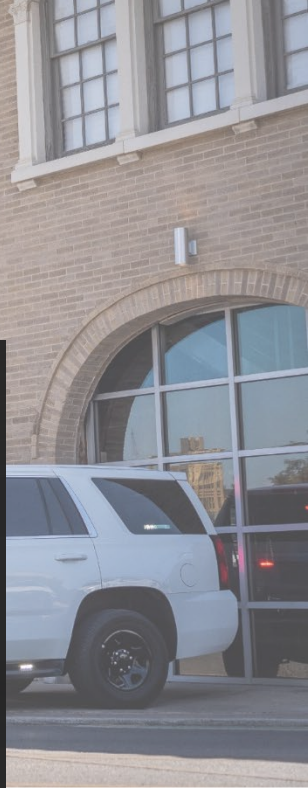
- **The Polysubstance Overdose Prevention Crisis Response** - SAFD MIH has been presented with operational funding totaling \$330,631.27 to assist patients suffering from alcohol abuse or other substance use disorders through September 2023.
- **Program for Intensive Care Coordination** – Partnership with SAPD, SAFD, and Center for Health Care Services presented with \$382,978 to improve mental health and care coordination with high-utilizer mental health patients.



Background – Poly-OPCR

New Program funded by STRAC to address substance use disorders by offering services to people living in San Antonio at risk of overdose from opioids, alcohol, cocaine, methamphetamine, or other poly-substances. Patients are identified through:

- Post overdose 911 calls
- Internal referrals from EMS/Fire crews
- External referrals from existing partners (Haven for Hope, SACADA, etc.)

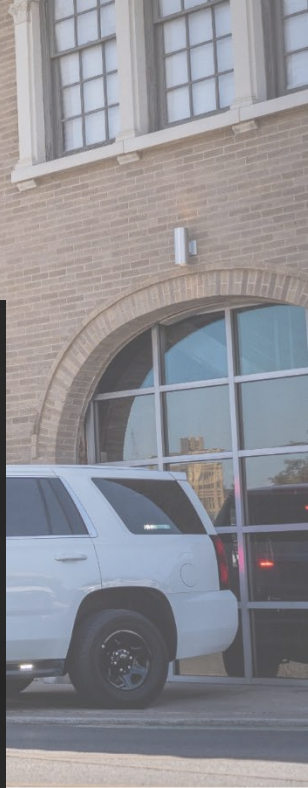


Background - PICC

In 2019, STRAC received funding for a 6-month pilot program to reduce the number of high-volume emergency detentions to local hospitals.

Due to its success, additional funding has been provided in 2020, 2021, 2022, and now again in 2023.

The PICC program uses two SAFD Mobile Integrated Health units along with two SAPD Mental Health Unit officers and the Center Health Care Services to connect with high-volume utilizers during pre and post mental health crisis.



Recommendations

Staff recommends approval
of this ordinance to accept
the donation of
\$713,609 from the
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