



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 4

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison, President and CEO, The Center for Health Care

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Overview of the San Antonio Mental Health Response Ecosystem

SUMMARY:

Briefing by Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison, President and CEO of the Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) on the San Antonio Mental Health Response Ecosystem.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Center for Health Care Services is San Antonio and Bexar County's Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA). Opened in 1966, CHCS provides hope and healing to over 38,000 adults, children and families in our community on an annual basis. The Center operates 86 programs at 35 locations in and around San Antonio.

CHCS has a diverse team of over 1,300 team members who provide treatment for individuals with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). CHCS is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) organization and has an annual operating budget of \$129.4 million. The LMHA is also an active participant in the crisis response system, operating in conjunction with the Southwest Texas Crisis Collaborative (STCC).

CHCS has been a partner of the City of San Antonio by supporting law enforcement and Haven for Hope with services at the Restoration Center. This center offers a medically supervised sobering area for public intoxicants to interrupt the cycle of serial inebriation. These services allow the Police Department to return to street patrol more efficiently.

Additionally, CHCS provides the City of San Antonio with mental health clinician services that support the Police Department Mental Health Unit through a contract with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC).

ISSUE:

The briefing will provide the Public Safety Committee with an overview of San Antonio Mental Health Response Ecosystem presented by Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison, President and CEO of the Center for Health Care Services (CHCS).

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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