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In Control: Planning and Community Development Committee

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing and update on the Homeless Response System in San Antonio.

SUMMARY:

This item will provide an overview of the Homeless Response System and state of homelessness in San Antonio. The briefing will include an update on coordination efforts related to the Homeless Strategic Plan and the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) and provide an overview of the homelessness continuum of care and its relationship between affordable housing.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In December 2020, City Council received the Strategic Plan to Respond to Homelessness in San Antonio and Bexar County, a 5-year vision with actionable steps to reduce homelessness in San Antonio. In December 2021, City Council adopted the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP), a 10-year vision for affordable housing in San Antonio. These two documents are aligned

with one another and guide the interrelated work of responding to homelessness and preventing it through the production and preservation of affordable housing.

Approximately 8,000 individuals experience homelessness in Bexar County annually. The homeless response system to serve people experiencing homelessness is a collaborative effort of the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Key partners provide services that assist clients toward sustainable housing – services including street outreach, ID recovery, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and wrap-around services.

ISSUE:

With the Homeless Strategic Plan and the SHIP guiding the community's work, outreach and intake efforts are coordinated and improving. However, for service providers to be most effective at addressing homelessness, the community needs a strong inventory of diverse housing options. System gaps demonstrate the need for additional units of permanent supportive housing (PSH), respite, hospice and skilled nursing care, as well as detox, rehab and psychiatric assistance. This item will provide an overview of the system and proposed next steps to addressing these system gaps.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for discussion purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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