

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
July 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Phillipe Cunningham (Chair), Steve Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Jeremiah Ellison, Cam Gordon, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

Members Absent: Council Member Alondra Cano

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Committee Members and staff participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities appointments ([2021-00757](#))
  1. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments for two-year terms, beginning Jan 1, 2020, and ending Dec 31, 2021: Harvey Hoffman, Ward 4, Seat 9; and Joan Willshire, Ward 3, Seat 10.
  2. Confirming the following Mayoral reappointments for two-year terms, beginning Jan 1, 2020, and ending Dec 31, 2021: Kenneth Rodgers, Ward 3, Seat 11; Amanda Tempel, Ward 1, Seat 12; Phil Burke, Ward 10, Seat 13; and Evan Henspeter Ward 11, Seat 14.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Gordon, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Grant from United States Department of Health and Human Services for advancing health literacy ([2021-00763](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount of \$2,040,000, for a two-year period, for advancing health literacy to enhance equitable community responses to COVID-19.
2. Authorizing an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the grant funds.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Gordon, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Women's Foundation of Minnesota grant for expenses related to the testing of Sex Assault Exam Kits ([2021-00764](#))

1. Accepting additional grant funds from the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, in the amount of \$3,593.35, for the direct expenses related to the testing of backlogged Sex Assault Exam Kits.
2. Authorizing an amendment to COM0002105 with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota for the grant.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Police Department.

Cunningham moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Cunningham, Fletcher, Ellison, Gordon, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Cano (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Contract with Canopy Mental Health & Consulting to provide professional services to operate 24/7 Mobile Behavioral Health Crisis Response Teams ([2021-00736](#))

Receiving and filing an introduction presentation on Canopy Mental Health & Consulting, the vendor providing the City's mobile behavioral health crisis response.

Staff presentation by: Brian Smith, Office of Performance and Innovation; Andrea Larson, Office of Strategic Management; and guest Jimmie Heags Jr. from Canopy Mental Health & Consulting.

The presentation was received and filed.

5. COVID-19 update ([2021-00017](#))

Receiving and filing an update report on COVID-19.

Staff presentation by Commissioner Gretchen Musicant, Minneapolis Health Department.

The report was received and filed.

6. Update on Fast Track Cities Initiative ([2021-00746](#))

Receiving and filing an update on the Fast Track Cities Initiative

Staff presentation by: Deputy Commissioner Noya Woodrich, Minneapolis Health Department; Sarah Schiele, Minneapolis Health Department; guest Cree Gordon, Youth and AIDS Project; Ashley Hall, Minneapolis Health Department; and guest Matt Toburen, Aliveness Project.

The update was received and filed.

7. School Based Clinics (SBC) Mental Health Services update presentation ([2021-00765](#))

Receiving and filing an update focusing on School Based Clinic services, statistics, and client perspectives.

Staff presentation by: Director Barbara Kyle, Nadia Sullivan, and Farah Hussein from the School Based Clinics program.

The update was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk