

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:33 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Phillippe Cunningham (Chair), Steve Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Cam Gordon, Alondra Cano, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

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. Minnesota Department of Human Services grant for opioid response ([2021-00462](#))
 1. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$250,000, for opioid response work.
 2. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the grant.
 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, Gordon, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

2. Contracts with agencies for services under the Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative ([2021-00465](#))

Authorizing contracts with Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Metro Youth Diversion Center, Restoration Inc., Urban Youth Conservation, and We Push for Peace, for up to a total of \$2.3 million, for services under the Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative in 2021.

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

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

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for violence prevention ([2021-00466](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in an amount of up to \$250,000 annually over a five-year period, to implement

violence prevention activities under the CDC's Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives (PVAYL) initiative.

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

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

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

4. Minnesota Department of Health grant for COVID-19 response ([2021-00467](#))

1. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$2,040,344, for COVID-19 response and vaccination implementation.
2. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the grant.
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, Gordon, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

5. National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) grant for COVID 19 Vaccinations ([2021-00470](#))

1. Accepting a grant from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in the amount of \$24,987, for COVID-19 vaccination support.
2. Authorizing an agreement with NACCHO for the grant.
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, Gordon, Cano, and Palmisano (5)

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

6. Minneapolis Police Department Less-Lethal Weapons Policy Changes report ([2021-00468](#))

Receiving and filing a report relating to the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) less lethal policy change comparison report as requested by the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Cunningham moved to receive and file. On roll call, the motion passed.

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

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

7. Community safety update ([2021-00071](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on community safety.

No staff presentation was given, and the report was received and filed.

8. Opioid Response Team update ([2021-00463](#))

Receiving and filing a report on the City's Opioid response efforts.

Staff presentation by Deputy Commissioner Noya Woodrich, Minneapolis Health Department.

The report was received and filed.

9. Creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division ([2021-00474](#))

Directing staff to design and develop recommendations for the creation of an unarmed Traffic Safety Division, to be housed in a department outside of the Police Department, to be responsible for enforcement, education, and other activities that increase traffic safety; and report back to the Public Health & Safety Committee with a project timeline by the end of Quarter 2, 2021.

Cunningham moved to refer to staff. On roll call, the motion passed.

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

Absent: Ellison (1)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Reported by Lisa Brock, Clerk