



THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2024

Public Health Committee Members Present:

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| 1. Chair Vanessa Fuentes | 3. Ryan Alter |
| 2. Vice-Chair José Velásquez (absent) | 4. Zohaib "Zo" Qadri (virtual) |

Call to Order

Chair Vanessa Fuentes called the Public Health Committee meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Public Communication:

No speakers

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee minutes for the September 4, 2024 meeting.**
On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez, and the second by Council Member Qadri the minutes for the September 4, 2024 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved on a vote of 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action to consider appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers.**
Discussed matters personal matters related to item 6. No action.
3. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Public Health Committee meeting dates for 2025.**
On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez, and the second by Council Member Ryan Alter that the 2025 meeting dates be approved with the removal of the January 8, 2025 meeting date and skipping the July 2, 2025 dates were approved on a vote 4-0.

Briefings

4. **Receive an update from Central Health on the Housing for Health Partnership, Respite Care, and services for unhoused community members.**
Postponed until the December 4, 2024 meeting.
5. **Receive an update on student and youth homelessness from Homeless Strategy Office.**
Postponed until the December 4, 2024 meeting.

Executive Session

6. **Discuss the selection of member(s) to the Central Health Board of Managers (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**
Discussed matters personal matters related to item 6. No action.
7. **A briefing on the State of the Homelessness Response System in Austin and Travis County by the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)**
Received the briefing on the State of the Homelessness Response System in Austin and Travis County by Kate Moore, VP of Homelessness Response System Strategy, ECHO, Joseph Montano, Director of Research and Evaluation, ECHO, Akram Al-Turk, former ECHO with recommendations to expanding current investments, development new investments, continue to prioritize collaboration and partner with other funders No action.

Future Items

1. Receive an update from Central Health on the Housing for Health Partnership, Respite Care, and services for unhoused community members.

2. Receive an update on student and youth homelessness from Homeless Strategy Office.
3. Update on the Marshalling Yard by our Homeless Strategy Office.

Chair Fuentes adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:37 AM.

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