

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 5, 2025

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

Members Present: Council Members Jason Chavez (Chair), Robin Wonsley (Vice-Chair), Elliott Payne, Michael Rainville, Jeremiah Ellison, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 4)

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

1. Minnesota Department of Health Public Health Response Sustainability Grant for 2024 ([2024-00096](#))
 1. Accepting additional grant funds, in the amount of \$79,750, in local public health funds from the Minnesota Department of Health for the Public Health Response Sustainability Grant for the period of Jan 1, 2024, through Jun 30, 2025.
 2. Passage of Resolution appropriating funds to the Health Department.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Minneapolis Police Department ([2025-00128](#))

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Veteran Affairs, to reinforce interagency coordination and responsibility concerning law enforcement, emergency response requests for assistance, physical security and access control operations at the Community Resource and Referral Center.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Memorandum of Understanding between Augsburg University and the Minneapolis Police Department ([2025-00129](#))

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Augsburg University, through Dec 31, 2028, that warrants the parties' cooperation, collaboration, and communication, to the extent allowable under law, and further agree to assist crime victims and ensure appropriate prosecution of responsible persons when a crime affecting a University student or employee occurs in the city.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

4. Contract with Minnesota Recovery Connection to implement the Public Health Regenerative Leadership Synergy (PHEARLESS) grant ([2025-00151](#))

Authorizing a contractual agreement with Minnesota Recovery Connection, in the amount of \$24,622, to lead on-site substance use peer support groups in Minneapolis Public Housing high rises.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Contract with CityMatCH for work on the Healthy Families Community-Based Perinatal Health Initiative ([2025-00152](#))

1. Accepting \$180,028 for Year 2 of the University of Nebraska CityMatCH project, from Sept 30, 2024, through Sept 29, 2025.
2. Authorizing a contract with the University of Nebraska CityMatCH project for Year 2 of the project from Sept 30, 2024, to Sept 29, 2025.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

6. Autonomous food delivery technology and its impacts on workers ([2025-00159](#))

Directing staff to research autonomous food delivery technology and its impacts on workers.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

7. 2025 Summer Safety Plan ([2025-00162](#))

Approving a legislative directive related to information about the administration's 2025 summer safety plan.

Chavez moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Civil rights ordinance ([2024-00563](#))

Referring to staff the amended subject matter introduction of an ordinance amending Title 7 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Civil Rights, by adding Chapter 141 Administration and Enforcement.

Chavez moved to refer to staff. On voice vote, the motion passed.

9. Safe and Thriving Communities Report and Plan for public safety beyond policing ([2024-01367](#))

Postponing to Feb. 19, 2025, consideration of a resolution urging the administration to adopt and implement the Safe and Thriving Communities Report and Plan as the city's 10-year comprehensive plan for public safety beyond policing.

Chavez moved to postpone to PHS meeting of Feb 19, 2025. On voice vote, the motion passed.

10. REACH Grant ([2025-00134](#))

Receiving and filing a report about the five-year Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant, including accomplishments from Year 1 of the grant and current efforts underway as part of Year 2.

Staff presentation by Jennie Meinz and Luisa Pessoa-Brandao, Health Department.

The report was received and filed.

11. Navigation Center Update and the Use of City-Owned and Publicly-Owned Land as a Tool to Address Unsheltered Homelessness Legislative Directive ([2024-01085](#))

Receiving and filing a response report to a Legislative Directive for a comprehensive overview regarding the former Navigation Center, steps necessary to establish a new location, and the use of city-owned and publicly-owned land as a tool to address unsheltered homelessness.

Staff presentation by Erik Hansen, Community Planning & Economic Development Department.

The report was received and filed.

12. Analysis of other cities' drug overdose prevention strategies ([2024-00764](#))

Receiving and filing a national landscape analysis of other cities' drug overdose prevention strategies, including overdose response teams and expanding access to fentanyl test strips and naloxone.

Staff presentation by Ashley Dziuk, Legislative Department.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Reported by Ken Dahler, Clerk