



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Adrienne Sturup, Interim Director 

DATE: June 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 20210506-066 – Staff Update

On May 6, 2021, City Council approved Resolution 20210506-066, directing the City Manager to expedite the development and implementation of community violence prevention and intervention programs for this fiscal year and to present options to increase funding for such programs in fiscal year 2021-2022. Resolution 20210506-066 also directs the City Manager to explore all opportunities to draw down newly available federal funds for violence prevention and intervention programs.

On June 7, 2021, Austin Public Health hired the Manager for the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). The OVP Manager is working diligently to develop programmatic infrastructure and meet with key stakeholders to build out a public health approach specific to the needs of Austin and Travis County.

Current activities include:

- Planning for a gun safety campaign, including distribution of gun locks and safes
- Engagement of national violence prevention consultants on data analysis, capacity building, and pilot programming
- Bi-weekly planning meetings with the National Office of Violence Prevention network
- Exploring external violence prevention funding opportunities
- Hiring of additional OVP staff

APH's vision is that everyone will have an optimal quality of life, health, and well-being. The work of the OVP will support this vision by developing and supporting interventions anchored in equity and designed to support the quality of life, health, and well-being of historically marginalized communities disproportionately impacted by violence.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 972-5010 or Adrienne.Sturup@austintexas.gov.

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