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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Chris Rivera

Councilor Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

CREATING A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the national movement that is taking place across the country calling for communities to assess, improve and reimagine ways in which social justice, law enforcement and community health and safety must come together on behalf of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Police Department (“SFPD”), Fire Department (“SFFD”), Community Services Department, and Emergency Management Department all contribute to the City’s mission of community health and safety;

WHEREAS, the City has developed certain community programs, such as the Mobile Integrated Health Office (MIHO), THRIVE, formerly known as the LEAD –Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion – program and most recently CONNECT¹ that are examples of innovative ways

¹ A network of navigators at clinics, community organizations, and city and county programs. Navigators are community health workers, volunteers, or social workers who link people to services and resources in our community. Agencies in the network are connected through a shared technology platform enabling navigators to send and receive secure electronic referrals, address residents’ social needs, and improve individual and community health.

1 the City can improve the lives of the community through collaboration, cross-departmental
2 community service, and more appropriate and effective types of responsiveness to various kinds of
3 calls for help or assistance and at the same time represent important and useful building blocks for
4 additional innovative approaches; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City’s residents and leadership are in broad agreement about the need for
6 thoughtful and inclusive self-examination of the ways in which traditional approaches toward
7 public safety have been provided, acknowledging the call for racial and social justice, recognizing
8 the historical injustices that have too often led to violence and inequities in communities of color ;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe seeks to continuously improve its provision of services
11 and evolve its practices to best ensure equitable treatment of community members and a
12 community-health driven practice of public safety.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that a Community Health and Safety (“CHS”) Task Force is hereby created.

15 **Section 1. PURPOSE:** the purpose of the CHS Task Force is to examine ways in
16 which the City’s community health and safety services can work together as complementary parts
17 of an overall strategy for the benefit of all residents of Santa Fe.

18 **Section 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The CHS Task Force shall
19 accomplish the following tasks:

20 A. Assess SFPD internal operations, policies, procedures and practices, with
21 attention to data-informed research Some aspects that may be assessed, depending on the task
22 force identified priorities, include, but are not limited to: examining SFPD’s use of force policies,
23 professional standards and ethics, officer and department trainings, equipment and weapons,
24 staffing, workloads, calls for service, 9-1-1 call handling and dispatch services, among other
25 matters;

1 B. Assess ways the SFPD can connect with all facets of the community to provide
2 safety and offer services while engendering trust and mutual respect;

3 C. Assess the ways the SFFD, Emergency Management, Community Services, and
4 the SFPD can provide mutual support in achieving their shared missions to keep the residents of
5 Santa Fe healthy and safe;

6 D. Examine City programs, such as MIHO, THRIVE, CONNECT and others to find
7 existing initiatives that can be building blocks for future cross-department collaboration;

8 E. Explore types of calls for service that could be better handled or responded to by
9 human service or social science field professionals;

10 F. Provide an opportunity for a broad cross-section of the Santa Fe community to
11 give advice and offer their experiences and ideas that will help improve the quality and
12 consistency of community health and safety;

13 G. Examine such other matters as the co-chairs and members of the Task Force may
14 deem relevant to their mission or related to the general purpose of the Task Force; and

15 H. Provide periodic reports and recommendations to the Governing Body.

16 **Section 3. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; TERMS:**

17 A. *Membership.* The CHS Task Force membership shall consist of eleven members
18 appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Governing Body. Two of the members shall be
19 city councilors and nine shall be members of the general public with experience or knowledge in
20 community health, public safety, restorative justice, and/or social or racial justice community work,
21 who reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Santa Fe; four of the general public
22 members shall be selected from each of the City districts, with five members serving in an at-large
23 capacity.

24 B. *Officers.* The appointed city councilors shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.

25 C. *Terms.* Members shall serve until they complete their duties and responsibilities as

1 set forth above.

2 D. *Compensation.* Members shall not receive compensation for their service on the
3 CHS Task Force.

4 **Section 4. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the CHS Task Force shall be filled in the
5 same manner as initial appointments.

6 **Section 5. MEETINGS; DURATION:** The CHS Task Force shall least twice per
7 month, shall conduct public meetings to discuss and develop recommendations related to the duties
8 and responsibilities described above. Unless further extended by the Governing Body, the CHS
9 Task Force shall conclude no more than six (6) months from the date the members are appointed.

10 **Section 6. STAFF LIAISON:** The City Manager shall appoint an appropriate staff
11 member to serve as the liaison to the Task Force.

12 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29th day of July, 2020.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

25 *Legislation/2020/Resolutions/2020-29 Community Health and Safety Task Force*

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29
Community Health and Safety Task Force (Substitute)

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We propose the following amendment(s) to Resolution No. 2020-29:

1. On page 3, line 15 *strike* “and”
2. On page 3, line 17 *strike* the period and *insert* in lieu thereof “; and”
3. On page 3, line 18 *insert* the following new paragraph:
“H. Provide periodic reports and recommendations to the Governing Body.”

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Vigil Coppler, Councilor

Michael J. Garcia, Councilor

Approved as to Form:

Erin K. McSherry, City Attorney

ADOPTED: _____ X _____

NOT ADOPTED: _____

DATE: _____ 7/29/20 _____

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk