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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

September, 2021

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for September, 2021.

Date, Time &

Location of

Meeting: On September 1, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. the Committee on Health and Human Relations held a virtual meeting.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Sawyer (6), Vice Chairman Capplemann (46), Harris (8), Sadlowski Garza (10), Coleman (16), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cardona (31), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Vasquez (40), Martin (47), Ramirez Rosa (35), and Hadden (49),

The following members were absent: Oshea (19), Smith (43), and Osterman (48)

NON-MEMBERS: LaSpata (1), Burnett (27).and Maldonado (26)



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Chairman Sawyer called a meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Chairman Sawyer stipulating the Committee on Health and Human Relations is called to order. Pursuant to applicable law, the Chairman had determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent. Chairman stated that we have six items on the agenda the first is the Monthly 45 Report for August 2021 and the second, third and fourth item is the two appointments of Karen Hernandez and Steven Herman and one reappointment of Megan A. Everett as member of Advisory Council on Veterans. The fifth item is calling for Illinois legislators to endorse the Puerto Rico Self-determination act and the last item is calling for a Subject matter hearing to discuss the City's co-responder pilot and non-law enforcement responder pilot. **(No vote will be taken)** Chairman Sawyer had a roll call to establish a quorum.

Chairman Sawyer opened the floor for public comments. There are no public speakers at this time.

As the Chairman stated earlier, voted for the approval of the August 2021 Monthly 45 Reports for the Committee. All members of the Committee received a copy of this report electronically. Chairman asked to get a motion to recommend approval of this item by the affirmative vote of all the members present for the roll call to determine a quorum. So moved by Alderman Sigcho Lopez, Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Chairman introduced the following appointments for the advisory council on Veterans. Karen Hernandez, Steven Herman, and reappointment of Megan A. Everett. All members received a copy of their resumes. Chairman opened the floor for the Veterans to speak and the members of the committee congratulated them. So moved by Alderman Hadden

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Chairman Sawyer introduced Alderman Maldonado

The next item will be presented by Alderman Maldonado, Calling for Illinois legislators to endorse the Puerto Rico Self-determination act. Speakers who spoke on behalf of this resolution are the following, Ald. Roberto Maldonado, Ward 26 (Sponsor), Jose E. Lopez, Executive Director, Puerto Rican Cultural Center, and Jessica Fuentes, Director of Policy and Youth Advocacy, Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez, Alderman Cardona, Alderman LaSpata, Alderman Sigcho Lopez, and Chairman Sawyer all support this resolution.

Alderman Maldonado thanked the Chairman for allowing this resolution to be heard. Rodriguez Sanchez so moved the resolution. Chairman Sawyer thanked everyone.

Chairman Sawyer stated that the last item on the agenda is a subject matter hearing to discuss the City's co-responder pilot and non-law enforcement responder, pilot.

(No vote will be taken)

The guest speaker on this item is Matt Richards from the Chicago Department of Health. Matt Richards and Alex Heaton presented a PowerPoint of the different types of Model Pilots Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez asked about the Co-Responder Model Pilot program updates, Alex Heaton answered by referring to the Crisis Engagement response and Engagement (CARE) program, Alex explained the process of the model and that this is something new for the City of Chicago. Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez emphasizes the need for more treatment on Trauma and Alderman Cappleman spoke about his own experiences with Mental Health within his family, Alderman Hadden commented that she is excited to see the work that is currently being done with the Co-responder Model but that she shares the same sentiment as Alderman Rodriguez Sanchez related to police involvement. Alderman Martin asked how long it will take to provide the necessary data once the Co- Responders Model is in place. Matt Richards replied by saying that they would like to have a live dashboard to keep track of the data and have it on the website for the public to view.



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Alderman Sigcho would like to know how much money will cost to expand and Alex said that he will provide through the chair. Chairman Sawyer thanks everyone for participating and a special thank you to Alderwoman Rodriguez Sanchez for her leadership. Alderwoman Hadden so moves for the meeting Adjourned.
The adjourned at 3:19.