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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2023

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for September 2023.

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, at 9:30am.

The following committee members were present:

Chairperson Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, (33)

Ald. Julia Ramirez, Vice Chair (12)

Ald. Desmon Yancy (5)

Ald. Maria Hadden (49)

Ald. Jessie Fuentes (26)

Ald. Ruth Cruz (30)

Ald. Bennett Lawson (44)

Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)

Ald. Lamont Robinson (4)

Virtual

Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35)- remote participation

Ald. Jeylu Gutierrez (14)- remote participation

Non-members present:

Ald. Matthew Martin (47)

Ald. Felix Cardona (32)

REFERRED MATTERS

PASSED

Monthly Rule 45 Report Reaffirming approval of the April 2023 Rule 45 Report of the Committee on Health and Human Relations

Approval of the July 2023 Rule 45 Report of the Committee on Health and Human Relations

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- O2023-0001249 Regarding expanding the Gender-Based Violence Taskforce from 17 to 21 members
- R2023-0002940 Call for Chicago institutions of higher learning to establish department or office to aggressively work to increase Black student recruitment, enrollment, and scholarship opportunities
- R2023-0002892 Expression of support for allocation of Federal Nutrition Assistance Program funds for locally grown produce in Puerto Rico
- O2023-0004179 Establishment of working group for development of recommendations regarding provision of mental health services

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 9:42am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation of Ald. Gutierrez (14) and Ald. Ramirez-Rosa (35), moved so by Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth, both Alders were allowed to participate.

There were 3 public speakers and 0 written comments.

Public comment speakers:

Cheryl Miller - **O2023-0004179** In support

George Blakemore - **R2023-0002940** Not in support or in opposition

Arturo Carillo - **O2023-0004179** In support

Written Comment: 0

The Chairperson called for the first item to reaffirm the **Rule 45 Report** from April 2023. So moved by Ald. Hadden, it passed.

The Chair called for the approval of the **Rule 45 Report** from the committee meeting held on 7/24/23. So moved by Ald. Fuentes, it passed.

The Chair then called for item **O2023-0001249** Regarding expanding the Gender-Based Violence Taskforce from 17 to 21 members.

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After a presentation period with remarks by S. Mayumi “Umi” Grigsby, The Mayor’s Chief of Policy, and [Naija Gill], co-chair of the Gender Based Violence Taskforce, the following Alderpersons asked questions which were responded to by the representatives.

- Ald. Maria Hadden, Ald. Matthew Martin, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth

This resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair then called for item **R2023-0002892** for the expression of support for allocation of Federal Nutrition Assistance Program funds for locally grown produce in Puerto Rico.

After a presentation period with remarks by Ald. Jessie Fuentes, the following Alderpersons asked questions which were responded to by the representatives.

- Chair Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth

Ald. Julia Ramirez, Vice Chair, moved a motion to recommend approval for this resolution which passed unanimously.

The Chair then called for item **R2023-0002940** to call for Chicago institutions of higher learning to establish department or office to aggressively work to increase Black student recruitment, enrollment, and scholarship opportunities

After a presentation period with remarks by Ald. Lamont Robinson, the following Alderpersons asked questions which were responded to by the representatives.

- Ald. Ruth Cruz, Ald. Bennett Lawson, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth, Ald. Jessie Fuentes, Chair Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez

Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth moved a motion to recommend approval for this resolution which passed unanimously.

The Chair then called for item **O2023-0004179** for the establishment of working group for development of recommendations regarding provision of mental health services.

After a presentation period with remarks by Chair Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, the Chair called for the acceptance of a substitute ordinance with minor language changes within “Whereas” statements. So moved by Ald. Fuentes, it passed. The following

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Alderpersons asked questions which were responded to by the representatives, Chair Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, Matt Richards, Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral Health at Chicago Department of Public Health, and S. Mayumi “Umi” Grigsby, The Mayor’s Chief of Policy.

- Ald. Bennett Lawson, Ald. Julia Ramirez, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth, Ald. Ruth Cruz

Ald. Ruth Cruz moved a motion to recommend approval for this resolution which passed unanimously.

The Committee having no further business, on a motion made by Ald. Fuentes, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Human Relations