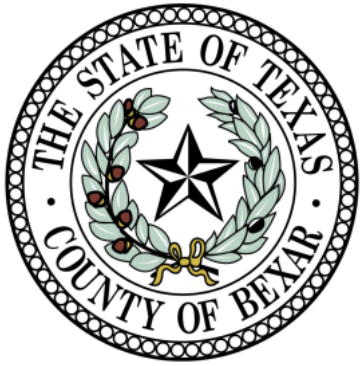




COMMISSIONERS COURT

May 3, 2022

Bexar County Department of Preventative Health and Environmental Services



BACKGROUND

- March 2022, Bexar County Commissioners Court and University Health announced establishment of a Public Health Division
- UH Public Health Division plans to utilize two mobile health units, four health units, four health centers and a health task force to address health disparities and improve health care access in Bexar County
- In response to COVID-19 pandemic County Manager is reorganizing county health related services for efficiencies in order to increase coordination with newly established division and Metro Health



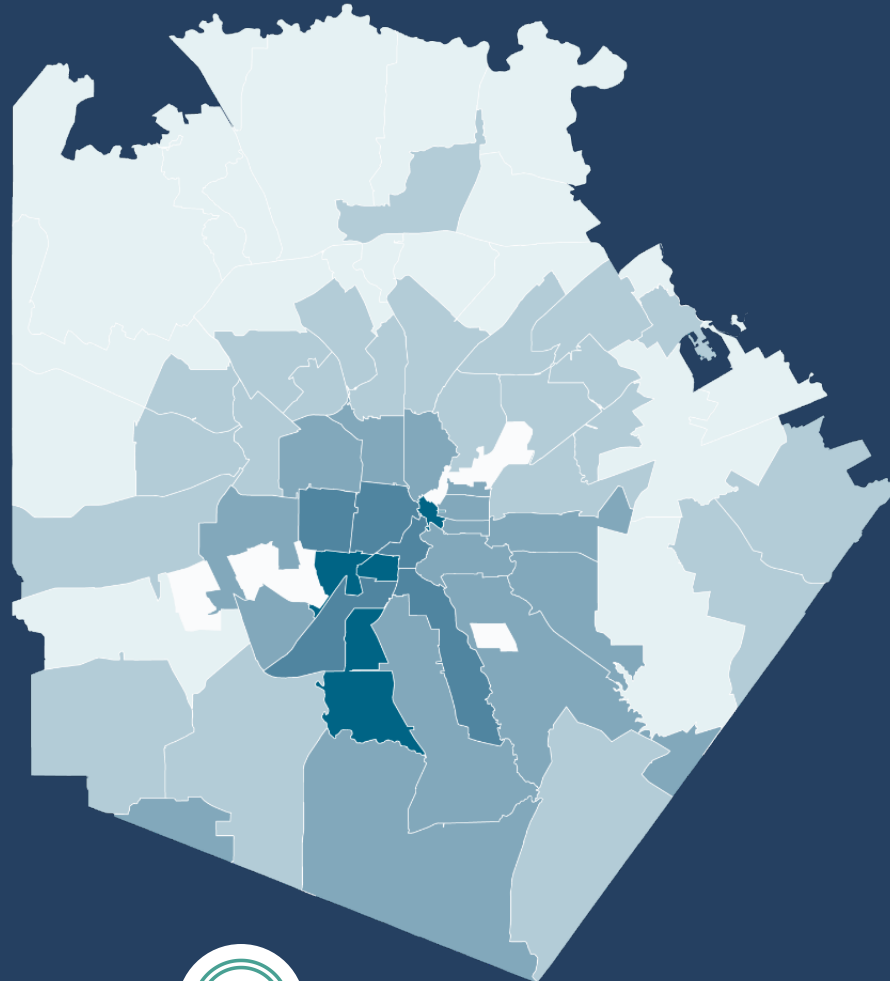
COMMUNITY NEEDS

- UH reports health and economic impacts caused by COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in delays in seeking care or important preventive services;
- COVID-19 exacerbated inequities that exist among the social determinants of health, which can contribute to poor outcomes;
- COVID-19 infections have been more prevalent and more deadly among people living in underserved communities;
- Express-News analysis, based on data from Center for Disease Control and Prevention, found that the census tracts hardest hit by COVID-19 “tend to have higher rates of diabetes and obesity, lower levels of education and substantially lower household incomes.”



COMMUNITY NEEDS

COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE
BY ZIP CODE, APRIL 2022

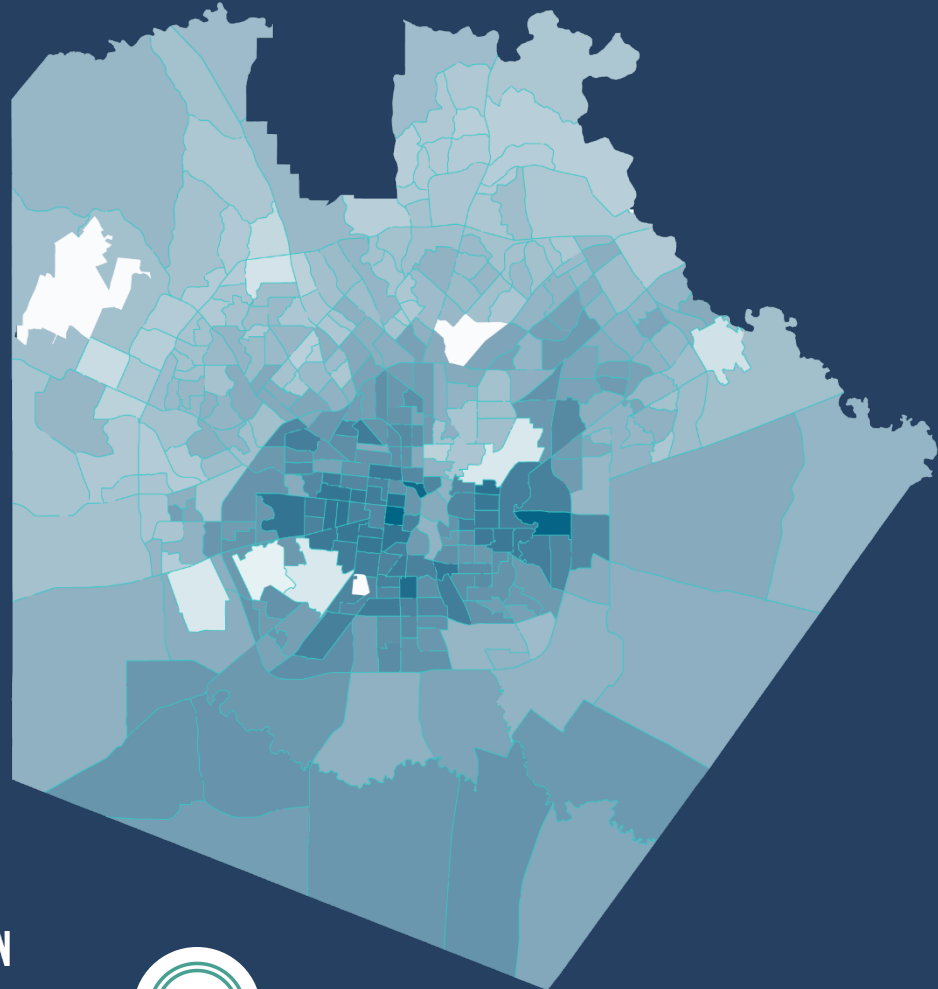


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PREVALANCE OF DIABETES

ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS
18-YEARS-OLD OR OLDER WITH DIABETES, 2019



MAP : LIBBY SELINE • SOURCE :
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Align existing services and establish priorities to achieve continuous quality improvement of public health needs in Bexar County;
- Promote and use health equity as a lens in all work and strategic decision-making for improved health outcomes; and
- Promote comprehensive health objectives that support community-wide health equity



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Promote Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Diabetes Prevention
- Healthy Aging Senior Program
- Agriculture and Horticulture Resources
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Program
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Opioid Overdose Prevention
- Air Quality
- Code Compliance
- Children and teenager asthma control education
- Vector Control Services and Education
- Tobacco Cessation/Youth Vaping Prevention
- Animal Control
- Food Service Establishment health inspections and licensing
- Hazardous Waste Containment
- On-site sewage facilities



COLLABORATION

- Department will collaborate with UH Public Health Division, Metro Health, suburban cities, health-related partners and community leaders to better promote health objectives that support health equity and public health emergency responses in the future



BUDGET

- Estimated \$2 million per year for effective public outreach.
- Creation of following positions:
 - Public Health Director
 - Nutrition Specialist
 - Dietitian
 - Additional staffing after Public Health Director assessment of needs
- Funding is to be provided from the previously allocated \$60 million for the County's Public Health Department.



RECOMMENDED MOTION

- Approval to establish an operating budget for the Bexar County Department of Preventative Health and Environmental Services; and direction to staff to determine funding eligibility as part of the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Final Rule.