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Subject: Hays County; Request for Participation in Hays County Public Health Advisory Board

Good afternoon City Administrators and Superintendents,

For those I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Matthew Gonzales, and I serve as the Director of the Hays County Health Department.

Over the past few years, Hays County has experienced significant growth, which has brought with it a range of evolving public health needs and emergencies. While the Health Department may not have been widely known in the past, recent collaborations with many of your entities have strengthened our relationships and improved communication.

To build on this progress, the Hays County Commissioners Court is exploring the establishment of a **Public Health Advisory Board** composed of representatives from cities and school districts across the county. This board would serve as a formal mechanism to align the Health Department's priorities with the needs of local governments and school systems. The department's current focus areas include **animal welfare services, behavioral health, indigent health, infectious disease, and public health emergency preparedness.**

The Commissioners Court is requesting that each participating entity appoint a representative—preferably an elected official or a member of the city manager's office or superintendent's cabinet.

If your city or district is interested in participating, please let me know. I'd also be happy to provide a presentation to your governing body if that would be helpful. Ideally, we hope to receive nominations from each jurisdiction by the end of June. Please find attached a **draft** charter and a presentation provided to the commissioners court about the creation of a public health advisory board.

If you would like to talk more about this use my scheduling link in my email to schedule a time that works best for you.

Thank you for your time and continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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Good morning, all,

I received questions membership, meeting frequency and time, member time commitment: The question was what time commitment can members expect and how frequent are the meetings?

Below are meeting/member expectations:

Charter clarification: The charter provided was a draft. Notably missing was the membership of school districts. The commissioners court decided to include school districts, but it was not reflected in the draft charter. School districts will be represented in the public health advisory board.

Meeting Frequency: Monthly

Meeting Time: Evening

Member Commitment Expectation: I could expect about at least 5-10 hours a month of participation from members between meeting preparedness, participation, and external activities.

As of right now I have received nominations from:

City of San Marcos – Nominated an Assistant City Manager, but clarifying with council on CMO or Councilmember representative

Hays CISD – Nominated Director of Student Health Services

Wimberley ISD – Nominated Director of Safety and School Initiatives

As of right now we are missing nominations/indication of participation from:

City of Buda

City of Dripping Springs

City of Kyle

City of Niederwald

City of Umland

City of Wimberley

City of Woodcreek

Dripping Springs ISD

San Marcos CISD

Thank you all so much for your consideration and questions!

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