



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Austin City Council

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V. Mental Health

Dr. Twyla Williams, Executive Director, Counseling Crisis and Mental Health, and Dr. Kimberly Wilson, Director, Mental Health and Crisis Management, described the Tier One, Tier Two and Tier Three Mental Health Services provided to AISD students. AISD employs approximately 200 school counselors, 16 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Cultural Proficiency & Inclusiveness (CPI) specialists, and 17.5 school wellness counselors. Thirty-one licensed mental health professionals (LMHPs) provide intensive case management, connection to community resources, short-term therapy and other support on 88 campuses. Additionally, Communities in Schools provides services at 56 campuses. The Austin ISD Police Crisis Intervention Team, which consists of four officers, responds to emergency calls involving a mental health crisis within AISD. Dr. Wilson indicated that many core issues involving the need for mental health counseling grow out of poverty.

Travis County provided a written overview of Fiscal Year 2024 Behavioral Health Services.

VI. Written report on the Summer Youth Employment Program

Pilar Sanchez reported that Travis County has begun preliminary discussions with the City of Austin, AISD, and Workforce Solutions on how the entities can best collaborate to offer a more

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