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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Alison King, Director of Health and Human Services



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject: Status Update - Improving LGBTQ+ Health and Wellbeing**

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On [June 20, 2023](#), the City Council requested the City Manager to work with the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) to develop guidelines for the collection and reporting of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) data by City departments that provide health care and other social services, to better understand and improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Long Beach residents. This memo provides an update on the work performed to date and what remains to be done.

On September 10, 2024, a training was conducted by the LGBTQIA2S+ Health Equity Coordinator for Health Department data analysts to review current best practices in SOGI data collection, as defined by the California Department of Public Health. These current best practices have yet to be vetted by community members; therefore, the Health Department will be implementing a LGBTQIA2S+ Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This process will undergo community vetting to ensure it aligns with the needs and expectations of the community, ensuring its effectiveness and appropriateness.

The Health Department issued a request for proposals (RFP HE-24-446) on May 21, 2024, soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to support in the implementation of the LGBTQIA2S+ CHNA. The RFP received seven proposals, and five agencies were selected to receive funding. The Health Department is finalizing contractual agreements with the five selected community-based organizations: APLA Health; Earthlodge Center for Transformation; Long Beach Forward, Inc.; KUBO Organizing Project c/o Charitable Ventures; and One in Long Beach, Inc. dba, The LGBTQ Center Long Beach, who will serve on the project advisory committee and assist with community outreach and engagement.

The CHNA will include community listening sessions that will contribute to the development of survey questions that will subsequently be distributed to the community for feedback. After collecting and analyzing data, a report will be developed and published. As mentioned, the findings and community input gathered through the completion of the CHNA will allow for the development of guidelines for the collection and reporting of SOGI data by City departments.

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