



Office of the City Manager

## ACTION CALENDAR

June 13, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, Director of Health, Housing and Community Services

Subject: Companion Report: Funding Recommendation for Creation of Mental Health Peer Education Program (Mental and Emotional Education Team)

### RECOMMENDATION

Refer the City of Berkeley Youth Commission's recommendations to the 2x2 Committee of the City Council and Board of Education.

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The fiscal impacts of implementing the Commission's recommendation would primarily consist of staff time, supplies and stipends for student participations. The Youth Commission estimates program costs at \$92,778.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Health, Housing and Community Services Department operates the Berkeley High School Health Center (BHS HC) on campus at Berkeley High School and a smaller satellite center at Berkeley Technical Academy. On April 19th, 2017, The Youth Commission voted in favor of recommending City Council allocate joint funding with the Berkeley Unified School District to create the Mental and Emotional Educational Team (MEET) pilot program. This program would train Berkeley High School students to present a two day program on mental health during a Social Living class that is attended by freshman.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no known environmental impacts associated with the recommendation of this report.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The 2x2 Committee works collaboratively on issues of mutual concern to the City of Berkeley and Berkeley Unified School District. Referral to the 2x2 Committee would allow for mutual assessment of the priority for this program given the varied needs for behavioral health services at Berkeley High School. It would also allow for more exploration of the support for the MEET program within Berkeley High School Administration as well as further exploration of the possible funding sources for the MEET program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The Youth Commission funding recommendation could be referred to the Health, Housing and Community Services Department and the referral prioritization process.

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