

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 14, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Blood Transfusion Pilot Program Update**

Please accept this memorandum as an update to the implementation of Dallas Fire-Rescue's (DFR) Blood Transfusion Pilot Program, aimed at reducing mortality for individuals involved in traumatic events by initiating blood transfusions in the pre-hospital setting.

Implementation Progress:

DFR continues to collaborate with stakeholders to develop a medically approved plan for pre-hospital blood administration. Key developments include:

- **Blood Supply:** Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH) has entered into an agreement with the American Red Cross to supply pre-hospital blood.
- **Medical Oversight:** The Office of the Medical Director (OMD) will provide clinical oversight of the Pilot Program, including the training of DFR paramedics and EMS Field supervisors.
 - DFR's contract with PMH is currently being amended to include this additional provision.
- **Treatment Guidelines and Training:** The OMD and DFR's EMS Division have developed treatment guidelines and a training program for the Pilot Program. EMS Field Supervisors have already completed training.
- **Equipment:** All necessary equipment has been obtained and is currently being tested to verify functionality and temperature controls are maintained.

Pilot Program Launch:

The American Red Cross will also conduct a site visit to verify that all storage and administration practices meet their standards.

Based on the currently expected completion dates of the contract amendment and site visit, the Pilot Program is currently expected to launch in February 2025.

Program Evaluation:

Once implemented, the Quality Assurance Team will review the outcomes of every blood administration. The overall program will undergo weekly evaluations by DFR for a period

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of six months. If successful in increasing patient survival rates during this pilot phase, we will consider a citywide implementation.

Questions may be referred to Interim Fire Chief Justin Ball at justin.ball@dallasfire.gov.

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