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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring information on mental health services in shelters

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-317 of chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for year 2017 amending the administrative code of the City of New York relating to requiring information on medical health services in shelters, as proposed in introduction number 929-A, is amended by adding new subdivisions c and d to read as follows:

c. Not later than September 1, 2018, and no later than September 1 annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website a report regarding information on mental health services provided to homeless individuals for the preceding calendar year. The first such report shall be preliminary, and limited to the data reasonably available to the department for the preceding calendar year. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the following information and shall be disaggregated by whether such mental health services are provided to single adults, adult families, or families with children:

1. The number of shelters, domestic violence shelters, and HASA facilities with on-site mental health services and a description of such services, as well as the total number of shelters, domestic violence shelters and HASA facilities;

2. A description of the mental health services in each intake center;

3. A description of the mental health services provided at drop-in centers and safe havens;

4. A description of the mental health services provided to the unsheltered homeless population directly and by referral, including the number of removals initiated pursuant to section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law;

5. A list of the 10 most common mental health issues for adults living in shelters, as self-reported at intake/assessment, and the 10 most common mental health issues for children living in shelters, as self-reported at intake/assessment;

6. A list of the 10 most common mental health issues for adults living in shelters and the 10 most common mental health issues for children living in shelters, as reported by providers under contract or similar agreement with the department to provide mental health services; and

7. Any metrics relevant to the provision of mental health services reported to the department by any entity providing such services.

d. No information that is required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of information respecting individuals in shelter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on the same date as a local law amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to requiring information on medical health services in shelters, as proposed in introduction number 929-A for the year 2015, takes effect.

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