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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the use of trauma-informed care in city correctional facilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of Title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-145 to read as follows:

§ 9-145 Trauma-informed care

a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Trauma-informed care. The term “trauma-informed care” means trauma-informed care as described by the substance abuse and mental health services administration of the United States department of health and human services, or any successor agency, department, or governmental entity.

Staff. The term “staff” means any employee of the department or any person who regularly provides health or counseling services directly to inmates.

b. Training. The department shall identify where trauma-informed care is appropriate and provide training for all appropriate staff on such care. Such training shall be consistent with standards developed by the substance abuse and mental health services administration of the United States department of health and human services.

c. Usage. The department shall establish guidelines for the use of trauma-informed care consistent with

standards developed by the substance abuse and mental health services administration of the United States department of health and human services. The department shall monitor staff to ensure that trauma-informed care is appropriately utilized in all city correctional facilities.

d. Reporting. No later than 90 days from January 1 of each year, beginning in 2018, the department shall provide to the council and publish on its website an annual report regarding its use of trauma-informed care. Such report shall include but not be limited to information regarding the number of employees trained in such care, a description of the guidelines promulgated pursuant to subdivision c of this section, and any programing that utilizes trauma- informed care. Such report shall be stored permanently on the department's website and shall be provided in a format that permits automated processing where appropriate. Each report shall include a comparison of the current year to the prior five years, where such information is available.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 6 months after it becomes law.

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