



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

**Date:** August 16, 2005  
**To:** HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
**Subject:** PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN VIOLENCE

**Recommendation:**  
Receive and file.

**Previous Directives:**  
Continuation of discussion on violence as a public health issue.

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Presenters in Committee:** Carol Falkowski, Director of Research Communications  
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<p><b>Financial Impact</b> (Check those that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p>
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**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Ms. Falkowski has monitored drug abuse trends for nearly two decades, and is one of a few national researchers participating in an ongoing national drug abuse monitoring network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. She regularly writes reports on drug abuse trends using the most recent available data from medical examiners, hospital emergency rooms, treatment centers, and law enforcement. In 2004, she produced "Meth – Shadow Across America," and in 2005 "Life After Meth" in partnership with TPT, both documentaries about the challenges of methamphetamine addiction for law enforcement, communities, and treatment professionals.