



BOARD SUMMARY REPORT

Date: January 16, 2020

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Tyler Brown, Sheriff

From: Olga Fujaros, Sheriff's Finance Manager

Subject: Agreement for Services between the Arapahoe County, and AllHealth Network to provide contracted staff and services for the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Health Response Program to deliver mental health crisis intervention services to the community.

Request and Recommendation

The Sheriff's Office requests the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the Agreement for Services between Arapahoe County, and AllHealth Network, a comprehensive community mental health center licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This item was heard at the January 27th drop-in.

Background

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office provides Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) training to deputies and civilian personnel for appropriate response and follow-up for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. These interactions often result in a C.I.T. referral, called a "secondary referral", to the community mental health center. The mental health center then provides community-based follow-up based on the referral. In 2018 the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office worked with the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Centennial to budget for a behavioral health response (Co-Responder) program to respond during crisis and provide earlier intervention for those in mental health crisis. In August 2019 Arapahoe County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Sheriff's Office to enter an agreement with a mental health provider employing licensed clinicians and mental health professionals who will be contracted to work alongside deputies responding to calls for service where there is the need for mental health intervention (RFP 19-52). In October 2019, AllHealth Network was awarded the RFP to contract for these services.

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Service First and Quality of Life. This issue directly relates to the ACSO's ability to provide crisis services to the community in the most efficient manner possible while addressing life safety issues.

Discussion

AllHealth Network and ACSO work closely with the C.I.T. program related to secondary referrals and C.I.T. training. AllHealth Network has expanded its ability to provide mental health clinicians in the field riding with law enforcement officers as “co responders” and is currently providing co responders for Littleton, Sheridan, Englewood and Greenwood Village. ACSO and AllHealth Network have finalized an Agreement for Services for AllHealth Network to provide staffing and services to the ACSO Behavioral Health Response (Co-Responder) Program (BHRP.) ACSO will then be able to implement the BHRP in the community.

Alternatives

The alternative is for the County to not sign the Agreement for Services and not proceed with providing Behavioral Health Response (Co-Responder) Program services to the community.

Fiscal Impact

The contract for services is based on the actual expense incurred by AllHealth Network to staff the contract positions and services outlined not to exceed \$493,845 for 2020. This funding was approved for the program during the County budget process.

Concurrence

The Sheriff’s Office Administration and the Public Safety Bureau are in concurrence with this recommendation.

Reviewed By

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