

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS, CPD &amp; Valley Healthcare System</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System.

**Background:** Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) is a healthcare delivery model that utilizes mobile resources, such as paramedics and other healthcare professionals, to provide ‘medical’ services and patient care outside of traditional healthcare settings. This approach aims to enhance access to care, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs by delivering services directly to patients in their homes or communities. These services are acutely vital to economically disadvantaged areas of our community. By partnering an advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Fire Medic with a mental health practitioner, the Fire-EMS Department seeks to have an impact on patients having a mental health crisis by offering alternative resources and limiting EMS transports to hospital emergency rooms and/or jail. Due to the potentially dangerous nature of some of these calls for service, a Columbus Police Department law enforcement officer will be assigned to this unit. Valley Healthcare will provide a mental health clinician for the initial service period

**Analysis:** Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting authorization for the execution of the MOA associated with the partnership with Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no new expenditure of funds associated with this request.

**Legal Considerations:** The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to enter into this Memorandum of Agreement.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System.

**A RESOLUTION**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATED TO MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES JOINTLY PROVIDED BY THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VALLEY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is seeking to offer Mobile Integrated Healthcare services to the residents of Muscogee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, this approach aims to enhance access to care, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs by delivering services directly to patients in their homes or in the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Valley Healthcare System has agreed to partner with CFEMS by providing a mental health clinician in support of this program; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Agreement requires no new expenditure of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor