

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

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

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 service period. This MOA allows for the continuation of services already offered while providing reimbursement for the salary of the mental health clinician through the Community Care Fund

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

Financial Considerations: Council has already designated funds for the mental health clinician's salary from the Community Care Fund to reimburse Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

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 (MOA) related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare mental health services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATED TO MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES JOINTLY PROVIDED BY THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND VALLEY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.

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

WHEREAS, this agreement replaces an existing MOA with the Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System, Inc., and now allows for reimbursement for the salary of the mental health clinician; and,

WHEREAS, Valley Healthcare System, Inc. has agreed to partner with CFEMS by providing a mental health clinician provider in support of this program, and the Columbus Police Department provides a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement recognizes that Council has already allocated funds from the Community Care Fund to reimburse Valley Healthcare System, Inc., for the salary of the mental health clinician.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the Mayor or his designee 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, the Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ___ day of _____, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.