

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER HEALTH AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the city would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Frontier Health to improve service coordination and access to care for individuals experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the MOU with Frontier Health will allow homeless outreach personnel and Frontier Health to work together in a coordinated approach to connect individuals with treatment, housing, mental health resources, and supportive services, and will also strengthen the community's continuum of care and collaboration among service providers; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost associated with entering into the MOU.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the Memorandum of Understanding with Frontier Health is approved.

SECTION II. That the mayor, or in his absence, incapacity, or failure to act, the vice-mayor, is authorized and directed to execute, in a form approved by the city attorney and subject to the requirements of Article X, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport, the Memorandum of Understanding with Frontier Health and all other documents necessary and proper, to take such acts as necessary, to effectuate the purpose of the agreement or this resolution, said agreement being as follows:

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between Frontier Health and the City of Kingsport**

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership between **Frontier Health** and the **City of Kingsport** to improve coordination of services and access to care for individuals experiencing homelessness within Kingsport, Tennessee.

Shared Commitment

Both parties acknowledge the complex needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and agree to work collaboratively to identify, develop, and connect individuals to appropriate resources, including behavioral health services, medical care, housing supports, and other community-based services.

Scope of Collaboration

Frontier Health and the City of Kingsport agree to:

- Work jointly to identify gaps in services and develop strategies to address unmet needs within the homeless population.
- Coordinate efforts to connect individuals to available treatment, housing, and supportive services.
- Engage in ongoing communication and partnership to strengthen the continuum of care within the community.

Information Sharing and Confidentiality

Both parties agree to collaborate in a manner consistent with all applicable privacy laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and 42 CFR Part 2.

- Information may be shared between parties as permitted under HIPAA for the purposes of treatment, and healthcare operations, including care coordination.
- Only the minimum necessary information will be shared to support coordination of care.
- When more detailed diagnostic, clinical, or substance use disorder treatment information protected under 42 CFR Part 2 is required, a valid, written authorization (release of information) will be obtained from the individual prior to disclosure.
- Both parties will ensure that all shared information is handled securely and in accordance with applicable federal and state confidentiality requirements.

Roles and Responsibilities

Frontier Health will:

- Provide behavioral health expertise, assessment, and treatment services as appropriate.
- Assist in identifying appropriate levels of care and treatment resources.

City of Kingsport will:

- Support outreach and engagement efforts with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Collaborate in identifying community resources and facilitating access to services.

Terms and Termination

This MOU will become effective upon signature by both parties and will remain in effect until terminated by either party with written notice. The MOU may be reviewed and updated periodically by mutual agreement.

Non-Billing Agreement

This MOU is intended to outline the collaborative relationship between the parties and does not create any legally binding obligations or financial commitments unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

{Acknowledgements Deleted for Inclusion in this Resolution.}

SECTION III. That the mayor is further authorized to make such changes approved by the mayor and the city attorney to the agreement set out herein that do not substantially alter the material provisions of the agreement, and the execution thereof by the mayor and the city attorney is conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

SECTION IV. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION V. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May, 2026.

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY