

# **Regional Crisis Response Agency**

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# Regional Crisis Response (RCR)

- Mobile crisis response services providing de-escalation, resource referral, and follow-up tailored to the specific needs of an individual in crisis
- Shoreline, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Kirkland
- Interlocal Agreement in effect 1/1/23



WHEREAS, the Formation Principals are committed to improving outcomes and services to community members experiencing crisis through a variety of programs and finding ways to reduce the potential for use of force by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Formation Principals have been members of the Sound RADAR Navigators, a grant-funded regional "co-response" pilot program (the "RADAR Program") that pairs a contracted mental health professional with law enforcement to provide crisis de-escalation, reduce use of force, and improve outcomes for community members in behavioral health crisis, through an interlocal agreement among the Formation Principals dated as of May 2019 (the "2019 Agreement"); and

WHEREAS the City of Kirkland created a Community Safety Initiative in 2021 to fund "community responders" to respond to calls from people in crisis with underlying behavioral health conditions (the "Kirkland Community Responder Program"); and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, the Formation Principals determined to explore creation of a regional mobile crisis response entity, recognizing the potential benefits of merging the RADAR Program and the Kirkland Community Responder Program in order to achieve coverage in all Formation Principal jurisdictions, elevate shared resources, and support the efforts by the Formation Principals to achieve other benefits;

# Services in Lake Forest Park

- RADAR Navigator Program
- Partnership with Lake Forest Park Police Department
- 22 people in crisis served during 2022
- 7 people served during 2023 Q1



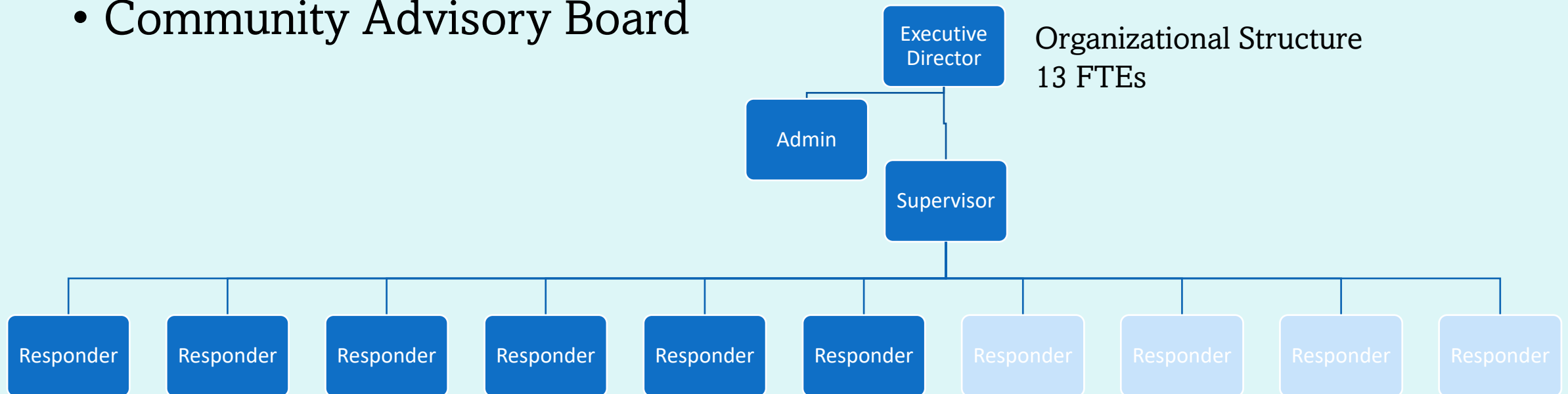
# Operations update

- Navigators available 5-6 days per week
- In-progress and follow up
- One FTE stationed at Bothell



# Governance structure

- Principals Assembly
- Executive Board
- Operations Board
- Community Advisory Board

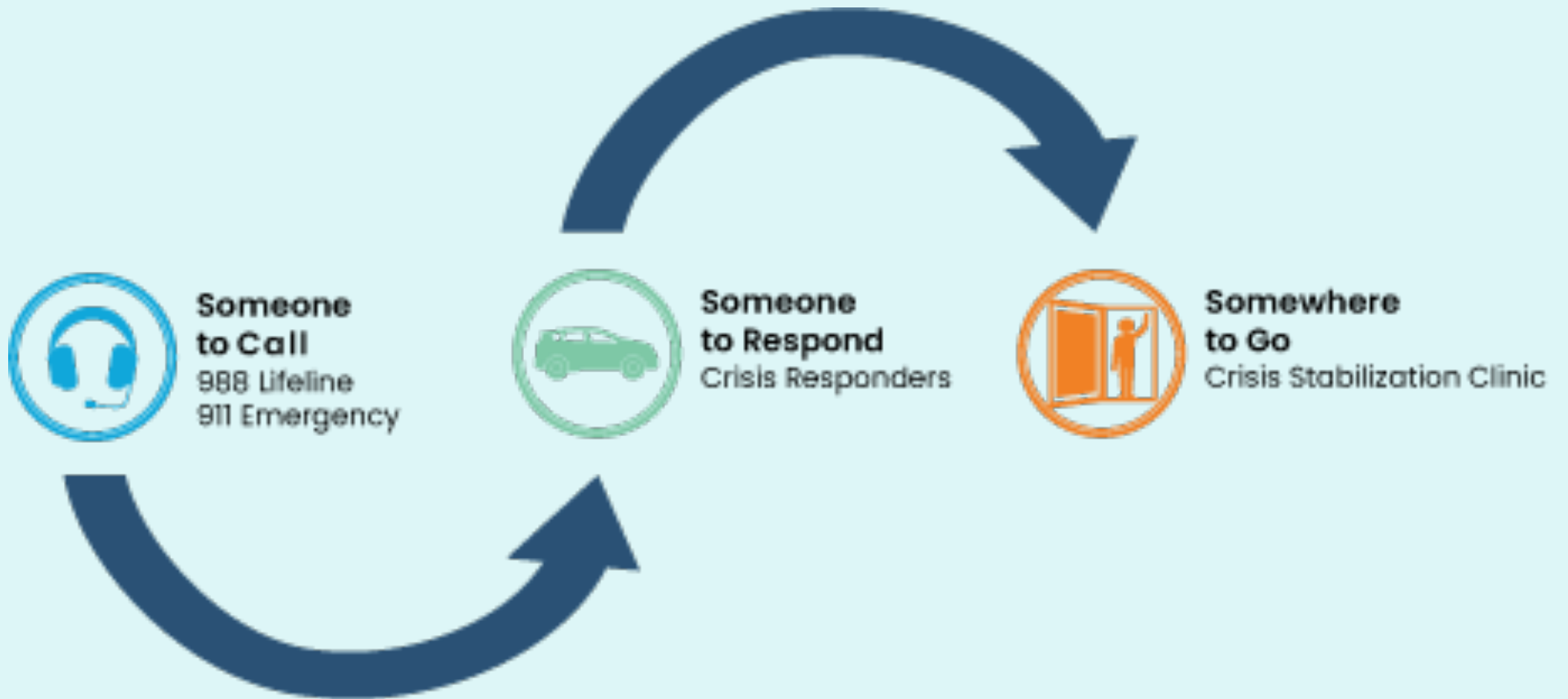




## Coming up...

- Dissolution of RADAR ILA
- Convening Boards
- Community Visioning Process

# Becoming a **Crisis Now** Community



# Crisis Triage Facility

- Connections Health WA
- State capital funding
- Planning to open 2024





# Questions?

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