



**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEMO SUMMARY**

DATE: January 9, 2025	ITEM NO.	SUBJECT: Resolution to Authorize Agreement with UC Health for Clinician – Co-responder to PLPD (BHCON grant)
Presented by: Town Administrator Dawn Collins		

Background

At the end of 2023, the Town was awarded total funds of \$284,798 to implement a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), referred to as BHCON grant/program for two years.

UC Health has committed a Clinician assignment as a co-responder to the PLPD team. Funds were proposed in the 2024 budget in the fall of 2023 and approved in December by the Board of Trustees, as follows:

PD Grants	\$ 185,000	2400 for Crimewatch; 4k POST; 7k HVE; BHCON 185k (Yr1of2)
Professional Svcs-Other	\$ 96,400	Clinician for BHCON +5k OT
Employee Clothing	\$ 620	BHCON clinician clothing
Employee Travel	\$ 2,400	BHCON clinician travel
Communications	\$ 2,100	BHCON phone
General Supplies	\$ 9,700	Add 2 BHCON MDC (9400) + supplies (300 BHCON);
Capital Equipment	\$ 75,000	BHCON vehicle & upfitting

Unused funds from 2024 carried over to the 2025 budget, primarily professional service monies (contracted wage for Clinician), clothing, travel, supplies including laptop.

The cost of the program to the town is Officer hours which, when not functioning as a BHCON unit, will fill patrol hours. Currently, PLPD has two officers CIT trained with the goal to train all officers.

This program is essential for the types of calls that PLPD and northern El Paso County encounter. It will provide a benefit to the entire northern El Paso region.

Data from this program including calls for service will be collected and assembled for future review and consideration to continue the program.

Recommended Action

Approve the resolution authorizing the agreement with UC Health to assign the Clinician to PLPD.