



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

<b>DATE:</b> August 22, 2024	<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Resolution to Authorize Agreement with UC Health for Clinician – Co-responder to PLPD (BHCON grant)
<b>Presented by:</b> 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 the Clinician assignment as a co-responder to the team. The 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

Funds expected to expend and be reimbursed, in 2024, are about \$186,000. The remaining funds not utilized in 2024 will carry over in 2025. The program is essential for the types of calls that PLPD, and throughout northern El Paso County, are encountering.

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

Data about this program will be collected and assembled for future review.

**Recommended Action**

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