

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: October 8, 2024
SUBJECT: Crisis Response Update

1) Recommended Action:

This item is informational only.

2) Background:

City resources are often called upon to support members of our community who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Currently the Fire and Police Departments have limited options supporting these community members. This presentation will give an update on discussions with the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization regarding a crisis response program in Tumwater.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion, and Humanity

- Develop partnerships and support strategies with community human and social services organizations to improve service delivery to people in need, including senior citizens, low-income residents and others.

Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Explore and implement partnerships to improve efficiency of service delivery.
 - Evaluate and promote City programs to reduce risk to life and property throughout our community
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4) Alternatives:

☐ N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

If implemented, this program may be funded through grants or could require support through the City budget process.

6) Attachments:

A. None