

TO: City Council  
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief  
DATE: September 16, 2025  
SUBJECT: Service Provider Agreement with Olympic Health and Recovery Services for Crisis Response

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1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Provider Agreement with Olympic Health and Recovery Services for Crisis Response.

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2) Background:

In response to the need for more effective behavioral health emergency services, legislation was passed in 2023 to support establishment of community based crisis teams within fire agencies. Community based crisis teams enhance the capacity of local emergency services to provide vital support to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises. Since 2021, Olympic Health and Recovery Services has partnered with multiple jurisdictions in Thurston and Mason counties to deliver innovative crisis outreach services. Through this agreement the City will have 24-hour crisis response coverage using a co-responder model. The teams will include a certified crisis clinician and peer navigator who can respond to assist emergency responders with individuals in crisis.

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3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion, and Humanity

- Develop innovative partnerships and 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

- Develop innovative initiatives and programs to address growing service demands.
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4) Alternatives:

- Do not authorize
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Staffing for this program is funded by the Washington Healthcare Authority under an agreement with Olympic Health and Recovery Services. The City has budgeted \$100K in this biennium for program support.

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6) Attachments:

A. Service Provider Agreement with Olympic Health and Recovery Services