

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: May 13, 2025
SUBJECT: Crisis Response and FDCARES Program Updates

1) Recommended Action:

No action requested. This is a briefing only.

2) Background:

Olympic Health and Recovery Services has applied for an endorsement to provide community-based co-responder crisis response services in Tumwater. Joe Avalos, Executive Director at OHRS, will provide an update on the status of the application.

City Council approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Olympia in 2024 that created a partnership to provide FDCARES services in Tumwater. FDCARES staff Sarena Bellovich and Ariana Gomez will provide an update on the status of the Tumwater FDCARES program.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority and Council Goals 2025-2026

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

☐ N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

N/A

6) Attachments:

None