

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: July 10, 2025

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Agenda Item: Consider First Amendment to Johnson County Mental Health Co-Responder Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding

Background/Description of Item

The Federal grant that helps fund the co-responder program requires the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be reviewed and updated periodically. This MOU was last adopted in March of 2023 and during the last two years, several items have come to light that need to be addressed. Therefore an addendum has been drafted by Johnson County addressing those items (outlined below) as we update the MOU per federal guidelines. Other Northeast Johnson County cities (Merriam, Mission, Roeland Park, Fairway, Westwood, Westwood Hills and Mission Woods) under this MOU are also being asked to adopt the addendum.

Staff Comments/Recommendation

This amendment removes the 5% cap on increases for reimbursement as Johnson County Mental Health cannot predict compensation and benefit increases to employees awarded by the County. Johnson County Mental Health will provide forecast reimbursement predilections to cities of the MOU to by March 31st of each year to assist with their budget impacts. The County understands that timely communications regarding budget impact is imperative to city financial planning

The MOU has been reviewed by the City Attorney and is currently under review by the other subject Northeast Johnson County cities.

Budget Impact

No immediate budget impact as fiscal year 2025 rates are already set and agreed upon. The fiscal year 2026 projected expenses have already been provided to the Cities, but it is anticipated the removal of the 5% cap will be effective in 2026.

Suggested Motion

I move to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Johnson County Mental Health Co-Responder Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding.