

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM REPORT relative to pending agreements with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health for the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program and the Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program.

Recommendations for Council action initiated by Motion (Wesson - Martinez - Harris-Dawson - Blumenfield - Price - O'Farrell - Rodriguez):

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and United Firefighters of Los Angeles (UFLAC) to report in regard to the following pending agreements:
 - a. Agreement between the LAFD and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health for the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program.
 - b. Agreement between the LAFD, LAPD and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA, with the assistance of the LAFD, to report in regard to all pilot programs within the LAFD dealing with the issues of homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse with said report to include, but not be limited to, the Advanced Provers Response Unit, Alternative Destination Response Unit and the Sobriety Emergency Response Unit.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA have completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 2, 2020, your Committee considered a Motion (Wesson - Martinez - Harris-Dawson - Blumenfield - Price - O'Farrell - Rodriguez) relative to pending agreements with the DMH for the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program and the Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program. According to the Motion, on June 30, 2020 a Motion (Wesson - Martinez - Blumenfield - Harris-Dawson - Price - O'Farrell; Council File No. 20-0769) was adopted by Council to instruct the CLA and the CAO, with the assistance of the LAPD and the LAHSA and in cooperation with the DMH and other relevant government service providers, to develop an unarmed model of crisis response that would divert non-violent calls for service away from the LAPD and to appropriate nonlaw enforcement agencies. The CLA and CAO report is still in development, and these offices have been working diligently with various City and County entities on this issue.

Concurrently, the LAFD and LAPD have been working over recent months to change the way that they respond to mental health calls, in an effort to get individuals suffering through a mental health crisis the care they need. Chief among these efforts is a proposed agreement between LAFD and DMH for a Therapeutic Van Pilot Program, which would locate DMH vans and staff at LAFD stations to be dispatched as needed, and a proposed agreement between the LAFD,

LAPD and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a pilot program which would integrate Didi Hirsch into the LAFD and LAPD dispatch systems to provide quality mental health, substance use, and suicide prevention services to those in need. These efforts predate widespread calls for reforms to policing stemming from recent protests that lead to the introduction of the unarmed response Motion, but will likely be important components of the new, more comprehensive unarmed crisis response model that is in development. The CLA should be directed to report on these proposed pilot programs, in order to ensure transparency and to explain how these agreements will be structured and the services that will be provided. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
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