

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) for Therapeutic Van Pilot Program, and between LAFD, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. NOTE and FILE the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) Report, dated May 4, 2021.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to execute a MOA with the DMH, subject to the City Attorney approval as to form, for the purpose of implementing a 12-month Therapeutic Transport Pilot Program as substantially presented in the attached MOA.
3. TRANSFER up to \$2,000,000 from Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580328 (Mental Health Services Support), to the LAFD Fund No. 100/38, Account 003040 (Contractual Services), subject to DMH invoices approved for payment by the City Administrative Officer for the Therapeutic Transport Pilot Program.
4. INSTRUCT the LAFD and the LAPD, with assistance from any other relevant department, to report in 4 months with an assessment of the efficacy of deploying DMH Teams from the fire stations, including access to LAFD facilities, equipment and supplies, and other aspects of the work environment, as well as provide any recommendations changes to the MOA with DMH that may be required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that this report includes recommendations with a total value of up to \$2 million in General Fund plus costs associated with providing DMH Teams access to LAFD Facilities, Parking Space, Work Space, Equipment, and Supplies for implementing a 12-month Therapeutic Van Pilot Program, which will utilize DMH therapeutic transport response in conjunction with LAFD Tiered Dispatch System for calls involving patients with Mental Health Crisis, to provide mental health patients with immediate therapeutic support from DMH staff. The \$2 million will be used to reimburse DMH for Clinical Drivers assigned to the DMH Teams. The DMH will fund costs associated with the Peer Support Specialists, and Licensed Psychiatric Technicians assigned to each DMH Team, as well as providing five therapeutic transport vans, including their related costs, to be used by DMH Teams in the therapeutic transport of patients.

The CLA reports that this report includes recommendations with a total value of up to \$2 million in General Fund for implementing a 12-month Therapeutic Transport Pilot Program, which will utilize DMH therapeutic transport response in conjunction with the LAFD Tiered Dispatch System for calls involving patients with Mental Health Crisis. The Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes \$2.2 million in the Unappropriated Balance for Mental Health Services Support of which up to \$2 million will be used to reimburse DMH for Clinical Drivers assigned to the DMH Teams as part of this Pilot Program. The DMH will fund costs associated with the Peer Support Specialists, and Licensed Psychiatric Technicians assigned to each DMH Team, as well as provide five therapeutic transport vans, including their related costs, to be used by DMH Teams in the therapeutic transport of patients.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on September 1, 2021, the Public Safety Committee considered a CLA reports relative to a MOA between the LAFD and the DMH for Therapeutic Van Pilot Program, and between LAFD, LAPD and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the

recommendations in the CLA report dated August 16, 2021, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
LEE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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