

## MOTION

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 designates 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system in the United States. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is the ten-digit number 1-800-273-8255, and on July 16, 2022, an easier to remember three-digit 9-8-8 will take effect. 9-8-8 will connect callers experiencing a mental health crisis to suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network.

The American Rescue Plan provides funding for the implementation of 9-8-8 and also includes an 85% Federal Medicaid match for three years for mobile crisis intervention services. These mobile crisis teams should be supported by a full crisis continuum of care, which includes prevention, crisis response and post-crisis care.

To build out a crisis continuum of care, local, county, state and federal efforts must be aligned. The National Council for Behavioral Health issued a *Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System* report which supports the development of a shared vision and building out a crisis continuum of care which includes crisis call center, mobile crisis response, walk-in urgent care, secure crisis center, 23-hour observation, residential crisis services, peer respite and sobering support services, hospitalization, and intensive crisis outpatient services.

The City of Los Angeles has embarked on a number of innovative crisis intervention programs such as the Therapeutic Van, CIRCLE, and the CRESS programs, and seeks to scale up community-based crisis response teams, a key component to the crisis continuum of care.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the General Services Department, and in consultation with the Council Offices, to identify potential community spaces that can be transformed into a community crisis resource center where mobile crisis response teams can be deployed and report back on the cost to operate these centers.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO report on funding sources potentially available to the City of Los Angeles to support the implementation of the 9-8-8 mental health crisis hotline system and implementation and/or expansion of mobile crisis response teams.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, with the assistance of the CLA, report on models of and services provided by mobile crisis response teams that can qualify for Medicaid reimbursements and how they are supported by a county and/or State health, mental health, and homeless service programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA report on the progress and cost of unarmed mobile crisis response teams launched over the recent years including the University of California, cities within Southern California, and those identified in the September 18, 2020 CLA report (CF 20-0769).

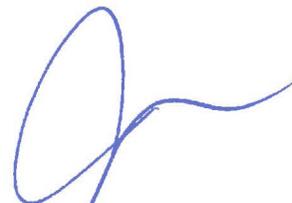
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