



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – County of Santa Cruz
BUDGET COMMITTEE of the
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023 ♦ 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

1400 EMELINE AVENUE, BLDG K, ROOM 207, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

THE PUBLIC MAY JOIN THE MEETING BY CALLING (831) 454-2222, CONFERENCE ID 517 663 745#

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jeffrey Arlt, 5th District | Laura Chatham, 1st District
Michael Neidig, 3rd District | Antonio Rivas, 4th District

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MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA

4:00 Roll Call

4:05 Public Comment

(No action or discussion will be undertaken *today* on any item raised during this Public Comment period except that Mental Health Board Members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Limited to 3 minutes each)

4:10 *Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings**

4:12 Approve/Amend Agenda

4:14 *Approve Minutes of December 14, 2022**

4:15 Presentation: How to Finance a Mobile Crisis Response Service by Elece Hempel, Director of Petaluma People Services

5:00 Adjournment

*Italicized items with * indicate action items for committee approval.*

NEXT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON:

FEBRUARY 8, 2023 ♦ 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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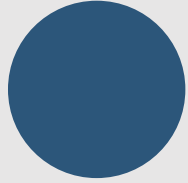
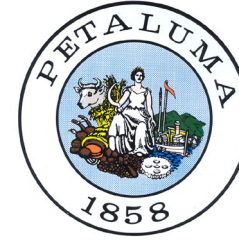
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WHAT IS THE COST TO KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE?

SPECIALIZED
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FOR
EVERYONE

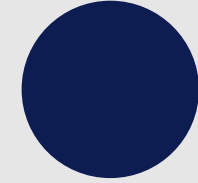


VOICES



OUR NATION & STATE

- 2020 there were 1,020 fatal police involved shootings, the rate of fatal police shootings among Black Americans was much higher than that for any other ethnicity
- Nation reeling from the George Floyd murder



OUR COMMUNITY

- Petaluma Youth for CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets)
- City Council wanted action quickly and understood the need for specialized responses to requests for assistance related to mental health, substance use and homelessness

A representative sample of 250 calls was reviewed by PPD management and CRISIS' consultant, each call was assigned a prospective response model.

Mobile Crisis Response – calls where a mobile crisis team could respond instead of police, 47.6% (118)

Conventional Response – where a mobile crisis team is dispatched due to caution indicators, 22% (56)

Co-Response Model – police respond and hand over to crisis team after PD clears for safety, 15.2% (27)

Possible Diversion – more information is needed to know if it could go to a mobile crisis team, 15.6% (39*)

*Of these 39 calls, 36 were, “suspicious persons.”



LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS

Existing programs already:

- Petaluma People Services Center
- Sober Circle
- PPSC Youth Diversion
- Police and Mental Health collaboration
- Homelessness including prevention and intervention



WHY CRISIS INTERVENTION?

- Saves thousands on unnecessary 5150's
- Reduces health care costs
- Police Department response times improve due to reduced call burden
- When not responding to 911 calls, connecting to our community building a stronger network of services

- Can provide first aid and medical checks for those in our community who can not access medical services
- Connection to PPSC programs, costing our whole community less with upstream prevention programs
- Able to directly refer into existing programs

SAFE TEAM LAUNCHED

- Launched in July of 2021 the City of Petaluma's Partnership with Petaluma People Services Center the goal of the SAFE team is to address crisis response, prevention and intervention for our most vulnerable community members experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse issues and homelessness. In November 2021 launched in Rohnert Park and Cotati.
- The team is made up of civilian first responders, who will respond to and proactively address calls for service that have traditionally (and unnecessarily) burdened law enforcement, emergency medical services and health care providers.



SOUTHERN SONOMA COUNTY MODEL



FIRE/EMS

Petaluma Fire Department in the three years prior to SAFE Launch, respond to 1-2 calls a day for services with a primary complaint being substance use.



DIVERSION

Early estimates were a diversion of 4% of calls for service to the SAFE Team, and after 6 months of operation that number was predicted to grow to 6.25% for community-initiated calls. It was estimated that in one year 2,265 calls would be dispatched to the SAFE Team.



RESPONSE TO SUICIDE

Law enforcement agencies have been tasked with the difficult task of responding to people experiencing suicidal thoughts or making suicidal actions. Petaluma Valley does not have an emergency psychiatric unit.

Current Sonoma County allows for only law enforcement and specialty trained health works can make a 5150 hold



MENTAL HEALTH

- Community Needs
- Reducing Stigma
- Prevention & Early Intervention
- Substance Use, Intoxication and Addiction
- Homelessness
- Access

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

TOTAL CALLS 4,125

SAFE team service calls by request type:

• Counseling Request	262
• Public assists	2,697
• Suicidal subjects	75
• Welfare checks	1053

Outcomes:

• Assisted	2,610
• Transported	573

Diversion:

• ED Diversion	119
• Jail Diversion	69

Transports:

• Crisis Stabilization Unit	54
• Hospitals	178

PROGRAM COSTS & FUNDING

First Year Total Costs Included Start-Up Costs: \$1,322,234

- General Fund
- State of California Crisis Care Mobile Units Program
- Sonoma County Tax

- Estimated On-going Annual Cost: \$1,144,234

- Hourly cost per SAFE Team: \$157.00





THANK YOU!



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