



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item –10.B.

City Council Meeting
January 23, 2023



Strategic Priority 1: Preparedness and Resilience

Build a system of intentional support for residents, businesses and the environment that mitigates risks and proactively seeks out ways to ensure the community not only endures, but thrives.



Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster. Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.

Subject: Resolution No. 3 Agreement with Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Jefferson County, and the Cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster

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Recommended City Council Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 3 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement with Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Jefferson County, and the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster.

Summary Statement:

- In January 2018, the City of Westminster (City) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jefferson Center for Mental Health (Jefferson Center), Jefferson County, and the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster to provide Withdrawal Management Services.
- In addition to Withdrawal Management Services, Jefferson Center provides Crisis Services to Jefferson County community members, which include a walk-in center and a mobile crisis team. Jefferson Center works closely with law enforcement to help de-escalate, provide support, and direct individuals in crisis to the appropriate level of care.
- Due to changes in both Medicaid and services provided, it was determined a new Agreement

would more accurately reflect the funding contributions from each agency as well as the expanded services provided by Jefferson Center. City Council action is requested to approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the new agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

Not to exceed \$41,289 for 2023

Source of Funds:

General Fund: Police Department Operating 2023 Budget

Policy Issue(s):

Should the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an Agreement with Jefferson Center, Jefferson County, and the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster?

Alternative(s):

City Council could choose not to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. Staff does not recommend this alternative because Jefferson Center is currently the only facility in Jefferson County to provide Withdrawal Management and Crisis Services.

Background Information:

In June 2017, the Arapahoe House in Wheat Ridge, the prior provider of detoxification services to communities in Jefferson County, became insolvent and turned over all detoxification services to Jefferson Center, which created Withdrawal Management.

On January 1, 2018, the City of Westminster, along with Jefferson Center and the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, and Wheat Ridge signed a MOU that requested each party provide annual funding to total \$500,000 to Jefferson Center. Under the MOU, the City paid an annual fee of \$42,700 in 2018, with increases based on percentage of total population. Based on a 2018 modification of Medicaid rules that provided Jefferson Center with reimbursement for detoxification or substance withdrawal services, Westminster was not billed for services from 2019 through 2022.

In addition to providing detoxification and substance withdrawal services, Jefferson Center works closely with law enforcement to provide Crisis Services to help de-escalate, provide support, and direct individuals in crisis to the appropriate level of care. These services include a walk-in crisis center that is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and a mobile crisis team. Withdrawal Management and Crisis Services can be invaluable to all agencies and community members within Jefferson County.

The proposed Agreement includes both Withdrawal Management and Crisis Services, which provide some flexibility for the Agreement to support either or both programs, should State funds become unavailable. Under the proposed Agreement, the base amount for the City of Westminster is \$41,289 that increases annually, commencing in 2023, by the percentage of growth shown in the Denver-Boulder-Greeley consumer price index.

The City's Strategic Plan priority of Preparedness and Resilience is met by providing Withdrawal Management and Crisis Services support for residents. The City's Strategic Plan priority of Proactive Public Safety is met by providing education and outreach and by providing community members the

resources necessary to provide Withdrawal Management and crisis support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments:

Resolution No. 3 Authorizing Execution of Agreement Concerning Crisis and Withdrawal Management Services

Exhibit 1 - Crisis and Withdrawal Management Services Agreement

Attachment A - Jefferson Center Crisis and Recovery Services Fact sheet