



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance approving an agreement between the Mental Health Cooperative (“MHC”), and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Davidson County General Sessions Court Division II (GSDII), for the purpose of ensuring the provision and implementation of a Competency Restoration Specialty Docket.

WHEREAS, the agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein outlines the coordination of responsibilities and assurances between the MHC and the MNP;D;

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the agreement by and between the Mental Health Cooperative (“MHC”), and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Davidson County General Sessions Court Division II (GSDII), for the purpose of ensuring the provision and implementation of a Competency Restoration Specialty Docket, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance approves an agreement between the Mental Health Cooperative (“MHC”) and the Davidson County General Sessions Court Division II (“GSDII”) to ensure the provision and implementation of a Competency Restoration Specialty Docket.

Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, MHC agrees to establish one program manager position to oversee system performance and case management portfolio in routing individuals out of the jail to treatment and/or services for stabilization. MHC will also establish one caseworker position to provide brief solution focused counseling and care coordination services of individuals who have been diverted to the Competency Restoration Docket. The program manager and case worker will be assigned to GSDII and under the supervision of MHC. The program manager and case worker will be employees of MHC and not the Metropolitan government, and MHC will be responsible for providing funding for computer equipment for these employees. The program manager and case worker will be paid from funds designated by the Metropolitan Council for these salaries. GSDII will provide two mobile phones, technical support, office space, and use of courtroom and other facilities required to perform assigned duties to the two MHC employees.

The term of this agreement begins upon execution by all parties and approval by the Council and expires on June 30, 2023. The agreement can be extended for additional one-year periods upon written agreement of the parties, but the maximum length of the agreement is 60 months. Either party may terminate the agreement at

any time upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

Fiscal Note: The wages and benefits for the program manager and caseworker will be paid from the \$225,000 in funds designated in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.