



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance approving a contract between the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, and the Mental Health Cooperative to ensure the provision, integration, and implementation of mental health training for Metro Police Department Personnel by Mental Health Cooperative Clinical Personnel.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, wishes to contract with the Mental Health Cooperative to ensure the provision, integration, and implementation of mental health training for Metro Police Department Personnel by Mental Health Cooperative Clinical Personnel; and,

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

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

Section 1. That the contract by and between the Mental Health Cooperative and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to ensure the provision, integration, and implementation of mental health training for Metro Police Department Personnel by Mental Health Cooperative Clinical Personnel, 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 final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance approves a contract between the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPDP) and the Mental Health Cooperative (MHC) to ensure the provision, integration, and implementation of mental health training for MNPDP personnel by MHC personnel.

Pursuant to this contract, MHC will provide mental health training to MNPDP officers, attend and participate in meetings for collaboration and evaluation of the training program format and effectiveness, provide and review relevant data regarding number of MNPDP personnel trained each month, and provide a point person within the MHC Mobile Crisis Response Team Leadership as a Law Enforcement Liaison.

MNPDP will provide training opportunities to MNPDP personnel on topics such as recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness, suicide risk, verbal de-escalation techniques, behavioral referral sources, and involuntary commitment criteria. MNPDP will also provide training space, attend and participate in meetings for collaboration and evaluation of the training program effectiveness, provide a point person within MNPDP leadership to address issues that may arise, and provide and review any relevant data regarding number of MNPDP personnel trained each month.

The Council has designated \$350,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds via Resolution No. RS2022-1313 toward the implementation of this mental health training program. This agreement shall commence upon approval by the Metropolitan Council.

Fiscal Note: Metropolitan Council has designated, from the American Rescue Plan Act funds, \$50,000 for FY2022 and \$100,000 for the subsequent fiscal years, FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025, for payment of wages for a certified training instructor provided by Mental Health Cooperative.