



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

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**DEPT./DIVISION SUBMISSION & REVIEW:**

Shawn Reynolds, Police Chief

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Bell County Central County Services (CCS) Diversion Center for adults experiencing mental health crises.

**BACKGROUND:** Bell County Central County Services (CCS) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas under the Texas Health and Safety Code and Bell County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Bell County owns the Bell County Diversion Center (the "BCDC"), a voluntary, 16-bed residential crisis triage center located at 2400 Piazza Drive, Belton, Texas; CCS provides clinical mental health evaluation and services, and the City's law enforcement personnel have direct contact with individuals who commit misdemeanor offenses while experiencing a mental health crisis. This interlocal agreement is a cooperative effort between law enforcement and mental health professionals in identifying, apprehending, and diverting individuals experiencing a mental health crisis from incarceration to appropriate mental health treatment. The facility and agreement seek to divert individuals 18 years of age and older who commit misdemeanor offenses while experiencing a mental health crisis from incarceration to appropriate mental health treatment solutions.

City of Temple staff have participated in the "Steering Committee" for the development of the policies and procedures that apply to the use of the BCDC. Recently, a "Law Enforcement Workgroup" was established, and meetings began. The City of Temple has trained its personnel on the use of the BCDC, including the BCDC referral process, mental health, and de-escalation techniques, and must do so annually.

There is no cost to the City of Temple for participating in the program.

**ALIGNMENT WITH ADOPTED PLANS:**

Plan	Comments
Strategic Plan	This initiative aligns with the City of Temple's Strategic Plan goal of fostering a safe and healthy community.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** City Staff recommends approval of this item.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION:** This item was not reviewed by any of the official boards and commissions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no requirement for the City of Temple to provide any funding to this program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement