



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Riverside, Riverside University Health Systems Behavioral Health for Crisis Triage Behavioral Health Services

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Christine Booker, Budgets & Grants Analyst

REVIEWED BY: Chris Karrer, Police Chief

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Riverside, Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health for Crisis/Triage Behavioral Health Services; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all subsequent yearly MOU amendments at the City's discretion.

DISCUSSION

The Meniffee Police Department (PD) is requesting continued partnership with Riverside University Health Services (RUHS) to provide crisis triage behavioral health services. The first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and partnership was approved by the City Council in February of 2022. This MOU would continue the facilitation of a full time Clinical Therapist at no charge to PD. The RUHS staff would work in conjuncture with the Meniffee PD's Community Based Assessment Team (CBAT), Problem Orientated Policing (POP), and Homeless Liaison (HLO), and work out of the Meniffee PD main station for 40 hours per week.

This partnership would strive to provide alternatives to those at risk of injury or death without appropriate crisis triage and behavioral health services provided directly in the community in collaboration with local law enforcement. They would seek to reduce jail incarcerations and involuntary behavioral health treatment/hospitalizations for individuals whose behavior is influenced by a behavioral health disorder/crisis and who are the subject of 9-1-1 calls. Additionally, the staff would attempt to divert individuals with behavioral health problems into appropriate community services and support, while also engaging hard to reach homeless who suffer from serious behavioral health illness and link them to all available resources.

By continuing this mutually beneficial relationship, the City of Menifee would benefit from the direct knowledge and experience of the Clinical Therapist regarding crisis triage and behavioral health issues.

This MOU would be in place through June 30, 2025 with a mutually automatic renewal clause to be signed annually by the City Manager upon consent by both parties and available funding on the part of RUHS.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. Indirect fiscal impacts as a result of this MOU may include increased electrical costs to maintain the office assigned to RUHS staff, as well as ballistic vests for newly assigned staff as needed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY24-25 RUHS Crisis Triage MOU
2. Original MOU