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Recommendation for expansion of Crisis
Response services in Colorado Springs

How did we get here?

LETAC's Listening & Learning phase

- Four topics for initial exploration
 - Communications
 - Racial Bias
 - Crisis Response
 - Use of Force
- LETAC decided to focus on CR services for our first recommendation to Council

How did we get here?

Crisis Response Focus

- Presentation in March by CSPD, CSFD, Diversus Health on Community Response Teams
- Further communications with current CRT providers to gather additional information
- Input from Colorado Springs residents regarding their CR experiences
- Review of other CR models and approaches

What questions did LETAC ask about Crisis Response?

- What approaches to crisis response (procedures, policies, models, etc.) have been adopted in Colorado Springs? How do we know they are effective?
- From the perspective of overall public safety, how do we effectively allocate resources between traditional policing (which would require an armed response to a call for service) and crisis response (which would not)?

Recommendation

“Expand the City’s use of Crisis Response Teams to meet the needs of the City of Colorado Springs.”

- 7 goals attainable through successful expansion of services (page 2 of Full Report)
- Background and current status of CR in Colorado Springs (pp. 2-3)
- Benefits and justification (p. 3)
- Budget and operations (pp. 3-4)

Approved unanimously by LETAC, July 6, 2021

LETAC
recommends
CR expansion,
but not a
specific
approach or
budget
allocation

- We have neither the complete information nor the expertise to make recommendations in such detail.
- Encouraged to do so by Council, we have provided some options to consider.
- Council may wish to request further information from departments.
- We support collaboration among existing CR providers to create solutions to meet residents' needs.

Thank you for
your
consideration

What questions or
comments do you have
for us?