



PBIA Advisory Board

Crisis Response Unit and Familiar Faces Program Rollout

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive information on the Olympia Police Department Crisis Response Unit and Familiar Faces Programs. Briefing only; No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a status report from the Olympia Police Department (OPD) on the Crisis Response Unit and Familiar Faces Programs.

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Background and Analysis:

Through engaging with and listening to our community, the Olympia Police Department (OPD) proposed the community-based Crisis Response Unit and the Familiar Faces Program. The Crisis Response Unit was funded by the Public Safety Levy Lid-Lift and the Familiar Faces Program is grant funded. With the contracts finalized and the initiation of training and hiring, OPD plans to provide a summary of these programs and the benefit they bring to our community members, OPD, and the City of Olympia.

The Familiar Faces program employs peer navigators from our local community through a partnership with Catholic Community Services to focus attention, relationships and assistance on the high utilizers in our community with the goal of making connections to services. The Crisis Response Unit is a mobile, community-based Unit that responds to individuals in crisis with a goal to connect

individuals to services.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Crisis impacts all areas of our community so the benefits of the programs will be City-wide.

Options:

N/A

Financial Impact:

This program is funded by public safety levy dollars. Familiar Faces receives grant funding from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Attachments:

None