

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEALTH MADISON AND DANE COUNTY TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A 1.0 FTE PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE EMERGENCY SERVICES (CARES) TEAM

The Madison Fire Department, in consultation with Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC), has been developing the program structure and program plans for a Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) Team. The CARES team, (previously referred to as the Crisis Response Team) is intended to divert individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system through a coordinated mental health response from experts in the field and connecting individuals to needed mental health treatment resources.

The 2021 operating budget for the Fire Department includes \$250,000 for the CARES team that can be used as required based on the final model of the program. The Fire Department, in consultation with PHMDC, identified the need for the creation of a position to coordinate this program. Currently there are several similar Public Health Specialist (project) coordinator positions within PHMDC and the CARES coordinator position is best housed within PHMDC as a Public Health Specialist-CARES Coordinator project position. This position would be within PHMDC and would be responsible for program planning, program evaluation and the strategic management of CARES Team operations.

The CARES project is currently a pilot project, with the long term goal of having the CARES Team responding throughout the City. The estimated cost of a Public Health Specialist project position in 2021 is \$46,350 including benefits. The estimated annual cost is \$92,700. No additional appropriation is required. Additional supplies and services related to the position are estimated to cost \$9,300. A proposed resolution to the City Council introduced on June 2, 2021 amends the Fire Department and Public Health Madison Dane County 2021 Operating Budgets to transfer \$51,000 and add 1.0 FTE Public Health Specialist in Public Health funded by the Madison Fire Department to Support the CARES Team.

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Madison and Dane County creating the joint City-County Health Department, the City may contract with PHMDC for the provision of any specialized or additional Program Service and the costs of such specialized or additional Program Services shall be paid to PHMDC by the entity contracting for the additional services. The IGA requires approval of both the Dane County Board and the City Council for the creation of any new positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PHMDC has received a total of \$51,000 in new funding in 2021 via a transfer from the Madison Fire Department 2021 Operating Budget based on the prorated hire date of the position;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that per the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Madison and Dane County, Public Health employees are employees of Dane County;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution and approval from the Dane County Board, a 1.0 FTE Public Health Specialist will be created in the Public Health Madison and Dane County and the position be noted in the 2021 Operating Budget to reflect that the continuation of the position is contingent upon continued CARES Team funding.