



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-6539, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Sheriff

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Supplemental RCA

**Type of Request:** Interlocal Agreement

**Project ID (if applicable):**

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, Harris County Constables' Offices 1 through 8.

**MWDBE Participation (if applicable):**

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of a joinder and amendment to an agreement with the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD for the purpose of joining Constable Precincts 1-8 to the agreement for participation in the Harris County Sheriff's Office Clinician and Officer Remote Evaluation Program (CORE).

**Background and Discussion:**

The Harris County Sheriff's Office CORE program was created in collaboration with The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, which assists deputies in patrol when responding to a call for service with a mental health nexus. CORE equips patrol deputies with an iPad which they can utilize to access a clinician from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. CORE provides on - scene assessments, guidance, and multiple resources through tele-conferencing technology. This program was fully established in 2019 and was extended to the Constables in April 2020 and already operating throughout the county and assisting deputies with calls for service with a mental health nexus and providing resources to our communities.

**Expected Impact:**

This program will improve our response to calls for service involving a mental health nexus. This program will assist in providing on-site mental health assessments from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD staff and reduce the number of transports to hospital emergency rooms by providing on the scene resources along with diverting consumers who have committed low-level offense (and have a mental health component) from the criminal justice system to the mental health care system.

**Alternative Options:**

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- ☒ Justice and Safety  
☐ Economic Opportunity  
☐ Housing  
☒ Public Health  
☐ Transportation  
☐ Flooding  
☐ Environment  
☐ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
02.09.21	124	approved

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures</b>				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>		-	-	-
<b>Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>		-	-	-
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-

Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Implementation Date:** This is an established program operating throughout the county. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement liaison agency for the CORE program between The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD and other law enforcement agency's joining the program.

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Jose R. Gomez/Sergeant - Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Attachments (if applicable):**

Joinder and Amendment No.1 for Interlocal Agreement between The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, The Harris County Sheriff's Office, and all 8 Constables.