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Bonding for an Alternate Response Model



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Welcome Housing Commission

Rose Toehe

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- Welcome by Rose Toehe, City Coordinator of Indigenous Initiatives
- The services our current social service agencies provide are of great value to the community, but we need additional services
- We want to share with you why the City believes an alternate response is needed
- What the model entails, and the services we believe may be important to address community needs

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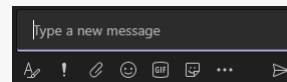
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- Today the goal is to provide you with a quick overview of the model, answer questions and gain an understanding about how the model may align with the housing bond measures
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CJCC & Diversion Programs

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- CJCC and Coconino County sponsored a group of individuals to visit a Homeless and Jail Diversion Center in Clearwater, Florida in September 2019 & February 2020
- This center opened January 2011 to keep homeless population out of criminal justice system and provide for safe environment

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- Services provided in Clearwater, FL
 - Common day time facilities
 - Separate housing units at night
 - 3 meals per day
 - Washer, dryer, showering facilities & lockers for valuables
 - Donations of clothing and toiletries accepted 24/7
 - Wi-Fi and television

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- Based on ideas shared at CJCC and research completed on other diversion programs, the City created an Alternate Response Team
- The Team's focus has been to create a scope of work and conduct a solicitation process to offer a diversion program in Flagstaff
- Although the scope of work may be similar to some of the services in Florida a distinct difference is the City is contracting with a behavioral health service provider

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- Need identified in ICF/City Forum on homelessness, housing and wellness
- Reviewed scope of work in Town Hall with community stakeholders to seek input
- Rose Toehe shared model with Indigenous Commission and have engaged in dialog through Q&A process
- City is partnering with NACA on RARE assessment to engage community population on needs
- Today presenting to you, the Housing Commission

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Why consider an Alternate Response Model?

Adam Shimoni

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- Opportunity to engages those in need with most the most appropriate services, keeping them safe, and out of the justice system
- Reduce the strain on emergency services
- Reduce return calls for service on same individuals
- Reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities (vehicle and train) involving alcohol consumption
- Reduce the number of exposure deaths

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Why consider an Alternate Response Model?

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- Provide appropriate housing and wrap around services
- Continue investing in community services by selecting either existing service providers in the community or new providers depending on RFP responses
- Focus on Native American culture, healing and ceremonies in service delivery model to ensure comfort for all Flagstaff community members

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What the Alternate Response Model Includes

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- Alternate Mobile Response Unit
- Care Center
 - Detox Center
 - Day Center

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Why an Alternate Response Unit?

Mark Gaillard

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- Benefit citizens and most vulnerable
- Emergency responders need more options to take people so they can get appropriate services
- Supports both alcohol and behavioral health related calls (statistics from 2020 calls for service)
 - FPD 2,896 mental health related calls
 - FPD 3,318 lowest priority alcohol related calls
 - FPD spent 649 hours at hospital with 1,021 arrestees mostly due to intoxication
 - FFD 2,438 public intoxicant (man down responses)
 - FFD 426 behavioral health type responses

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What is an Alternate Response Unit?

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- Mobile Unit staffing
 - EMT Firefighter
 - Behavioral Health Specialist
- Available for response to:
 - Public intoxication related calls for service
 - Non-emergency mental health related calls
 - Minor law violations with victim approval
- The right tool at the right time for the right reasons

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Why a Day Center

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- An alternate care center for First Responders to take individuals in need
- One location to provide and connect individuals to services
- Community drop offs and those who self-report would be accepted

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What services will a Day Center provide?

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- Reception Area
- Focus on Native American culture, healing and ceremonies
- Food service
- Personal Care facilities
 - Showers
 - Laundry
- Lounge space
 - Television
 - Games
 - Art
 - Computer access
 - Reading

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What services will a Day Center provide?

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- Provide or coordinate substance use and mental health treatment
- Employment services
 - Coordinates community service opportunities
 - Day Labor opportunities
- Housing coordination
- Workstations for community partners to help coordinate services
- Connection to transportation
- Staging area for Mobile Response Unit

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Why a Detox Center?

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- Allows people to self report
- Benefits citizens and most vulnerable
- Emergency responders need more options to take people so they can get appropriate services
- Provides needed services rather than putting people in jail for misdemeanor crimes
- Reduces strain on Criminal Justice and Emergency Response systems

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What services will a Detox Center provide?

Jonathan Yellowhair

- Reception Area
- Intake Screening
- 20 beds for overnight medical detox and stabilization 24/7
- Ideally the Detox Center and Day Center will be on one campus or connected

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Cost Estimates for the Alternate Response Model

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- Mobile Response Unit
 - 3 Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians*: \$232,798
 - Behavioral Health personnel and management of mobile response unit: \$563,000 - \$776,000 per year
 - Purchase of vehicle: \$40,000 - \$65,000
 - Specialized equipment*: \$40,000
- Care Center
 - Behavioral Health personnel and management of Alternate Care Center: \$300,000 - \$4,600,000 per year
 - Alternate Care Center Facility of 26,000 to 60,000 square feet
 - Lease: \$248,000 - \$431,200
 - Purchase: \$12,000,000 - \$21,000,000

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Funding of the Alternate Response Model

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- Mobile Response Unit included in General Fund budget for FY21-22
 - Vehicle
 - Supplies for vehicle
 - 3 Firefighter/EMTs
 - Service provider contract
- Funding needed for Care Center
 - 2022 Bond Ballot Measure
 - Grants
 - Partnerships
 - Legislative allocations such as HB2141 for alternate prosecution and diversion programs
 - Billable services offset

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Discussion

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Thank you for your time and attention today

Next Steps:

- Answer questions from Commission members
- Gain an understanding about how a care center may align with the components of the housing bond measures the Commission is considering
- Continue conversations about potential collaboration

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