



CITY OF BEND

To: Council Stewardship Subcommittee
From: Jim Porter and Shelly Smith
Date: January 21, 2020
Re: Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center Updates

Within Council's Public Safety and Health goal, there is a specific action item focused on the Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center (Strategy 1, Action 2). The Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center (DCSC) is a collaborative effort led by Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) for a 24/7 Center with a 23-hour respite and sober station on the Public Safety Campus, which is located near the Sheriff's Office on the north side of Bend.

DSHS Program Manager, Holly Harris, will join the Stewardship Subcommittee this month for an overview and update on the development and implementation of the DCSC.

Bend Police Department leadership has supported the DCSC from its inception and continues to advocate for its vital services to those in our community experiencing a mental health crisis. Increasing needs from our community related to mental health and co-occurring challenges have skyrocketed from just over 650 calls to the Bend PD in 2010, to over 1,980 calls in 2019. Each of these calls require extended time for Officers and often include long wait times at St. Charles' Emergency Department or at the jail as individuals move through processing.

In the near future, the DCSC will allow Officers a safe location where residents can be professionally and extensively evaluated and receive immediate and supportive services. The DCSC staff will also welcome individuals who self-refer or drop in for needs that can be provided at the location including mental health support and referrals to community social service agencies.

The Police Department has pledged to financially support the DCSC from the \$450,000 allocated within this Council Goal. Ms. Harris will provide an update on the funding status of the DCSC and Councilors will be given an opportunity to learn more about the timeline and potential impact of this investment.



Questions for the Subcommittee:

1. After hearing the updates on the Crisis Stabilization Center, do you have specific questions about the facility or services provided to our community?
2. Are there additional ways that the City of Bend would like to support this effort?
3. What are the outcomes and data results that you may want to review on the DCSC and at what intervals?

