



CITY OF BEND

To: Council Stewardship Subcommittee
From: Shelly Smith
Date: May 26, 2020
Re: Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center Updates

As our community continues to see an increase in the need for mental health and substance use/abuse resources, the City of Bend has collaborated with Deschutes County in support of their Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC). Holly Harris, Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) Program Manager, will join the Stewardship Subcommittee for an update on the development and implementation of the CSC.

The Crisis Stabilization Center is a collaborative effort led by DCHS for a dedicated respite station to assist individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The CSC will allow Bend Police Officers a safe location where individuals can be professionally and extensively evaluated and receive immediate and supportive services. CSC staff will receive those brought in by law enforcement, individuals who self-refer, and/or drop-in visits specifically for mental health support and referrals to appropriate social service agencies.

As a specific action item under Council's Public Safety and Health Goal (Strategy 1, Action 2), the Bend Police Department continues to be active in the details and leadership of the development and implementation of the CSC. Earlier this year, the City of Bend fulfilled its pledge and Council approved a \$70,000 allocation to the CSC.

Questions for the Subcommittee:

1. After hearing the updates on the Crisis Stabilization Center, do you have specific questions about the services, facility, funding, or outcomes intended for this program?
2. Looking ahead, how and when would you like to have updates on the progress of the CSC?

