

ORDINANCE NO. BL2021-_____

An Ordinance to require a monthly report to be submitted to the Community Oversight Board and the Metropolitan Council regarding the implementation of the Mental Health Cooperative's co-response model funded in the FY2022 operating budget ordinance.

WHEREAS, Substitute Ordinance No. BL2021-736, the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, included an appropriation in the amount of \$2,508,000 to the Mental Health Cooperative for the Crisis Treatment Center and Crisis Stabilization Unit; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding, in part, is for a partnership with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department to implement a co-response model whereby mental health counselors are provided in nonviolent situations when emergency response has been requested; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.1302 of the Metropolitan Charter provides that the Community Oversight Board has the authority to make recommendations to agencies involved in public safety and the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the funds allocated by the Council are being used in a manner that yields the highest return on investment, it is fitting and proper that the Community Oversight Board and the Metropolitan Council be provided with a monthly report regarding the efficacy of the co-response model.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Starting September 1, 2021, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Metropolitan Department of Health shall provide a monthly report to the Executive Director of the Community Oversight Board and to each member of the Metropolitan Council regarding the efficacy of the co-response model being implemented by the Mental Health Cooperative in partnership with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The total number of calls for assistance;
2. The number of such calls that were diffused without police intervention;
3. The number of such calls that required active police intervention such as a detention and/or arrest; and
4. Any other information deemed relevant for the effective evaluation of the co-response model program.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Introduced by:

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Member of Council