

Committee: **Other Business**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

**APPROVAL/ALLOCATION OF \$380,152 FOR EXPANSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY
MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, \$2.1 million from the unassigned fund balance has been assigned to Mental Health initiatives in Putnam County ("Assigned Mental Health Funding"); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health has presented recommendations for investment of a portion of the Assigned Mental Health Funding following consultation with the Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, one of those recommendations is to provide additional funding to expand the County's existing Mobile Crisis Team, currently operated by People USA, by increasing staffing, service hours, clinical capacity, psychiatric prescriber support, case management and follow-up services; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Crisis Team is an existing County mental health service and an existing contractual relationship, and expansion of that service will build upon an established program rather than create a new County initiative; and

WHEREAS, expanded Mobile Crisis services will provide greater access to timely behavioral health intervention, reduce reliance on emergency departments and law enforcement, improve continuity of care and provide greater support to residents experiencing behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health has identified \$380,152 in additional annual funding as necessary to expand the Mobile Crisis Team, and has further advised that the program is reimbursable and that funding for a second year would depend upon the success of the expanded model; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that expansion of this existing crisis-response service is an immediate priority and may appropriately move forward independently while the Legislature continues its review of the remaining recommendations for use of the Assigned Mental Health Funding; now therefore be it

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the allocation and appropriation of \$380,152 from the Assigned Mental Health Funding to the Putnam County Department of Mental Health/Local Government Unit for the expansion of the existing Mobile Crisis Team operated by People USA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such funding shall be used for the expansion of Mobile Crisis services, including increased staffing and service hours, additional licensed clinical capacity, psychiatric prescriber support, and enhanced case-management and follow-up services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized and directed to make the necessary budgetary adjustments to effectuate this allocation, subject to the appropriate budget account numbers being provided to the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that approval of this Resolution shall not constitute approval of the balance of the mental health plan submitted by the County Executive, shall not authorize expenditure for any other initiative contained therein, and shall not otherwise commit or allocate the remaining Assigned Mental Health Funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any additional proposed expenditure of the remaining Assigned Mental Health Funding shall be presented separately to the Legislature for consideration and approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2026

TO: Daniel Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

Sara Servadio
Commissioner, Social Services

Alexandra Gordon
Acting Commissioner of Finance

FROM: Nancy Montgomery 
Chairwoman, Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee

RE: \$2.1 Million Assigned Mental Health Funding – Mobile Crisis Expansion

I am requesting that the following item be added under Other Business to tonight's Full Legislative Meeting agenda:

Other Business – Discussion/Approval – Mobile Crisis Team Expansion – \$380,152

Last night, the County Executive submitted a proposed mental health plan and requested that the Legislature approve an immediate allocation of \$672,040 for several initiatives tonight.

While I am not prepared to approve the entire plan on essentially one day's notice, I am prepared to move forward immediately with the \$380,152 proposed for expansion of the existing Mobile Crisis Team operated by People USA. The Department's proposal would expand staffing, service hours and clinical capacity, including additional licensed clinicians, psychiatric prescriber support and increased case management and follow-up services.

Mobile Crisis is an existing County mental health service, one we've discussed in committee for months now and there is an immediate operational need to provide People USA with the funding commitment necessary to hire and build out the expanded team - especially with the recent loss of services at The Rose House.

I am therefore asking that the attached stand-alone resolution allocating \$380,152 to the Mental Health Local Government Unit for expansion of Mobile Crisis services be considered under Other Business tonight, separate from the remainder of the County Executive's proposed plan.

Attachment

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