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ALEXANDRA GORDON
Acting Commissioner of Finance



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk

From: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance

Re: Budgetary Amendment - **26A080**

Date: October 6, 2026

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3. Expand the Mobile Crisis Team

Recommendation

Provide additional funding to expand the current Mobile Crisis Team (People USA) by increasing staffing, service hours, and clinical capacity.

Proposed Enhancements

- Extend daily operating hours into evening and weekends.
- Add additional licensed clinicians.
- Add psychiatric prescriber support for short term or emergency medication needs.
- Increase case management and follow-up services.

Purpose

Mental health crises occur outside of traditional business hours. Expanding the Mobile Crisis Team will improve access to timely intervention while reducing reliance on emergency departments and law enforcement. Adding psychiatric prescribing capacity will allow individuals to receive more comprehensive treatment during and following crisis intervention.

Benefits

- Improved response times.
- Expanded coverage.
- Better continuity of care.
- Greater support for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased number of individuals served.
- Reduced repeat crisis encounters.
- Better long-term recovery outcomes.

Annual Cost The plan was submitted for \$380,152 additional funding needed annually. However, the program is reimbursable and funding for year two would likely depend on success of model.

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TO: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

CC: 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 very happy to finally receive a proposed plan for the \$2.1 million that has been assigned to mental health, and I appreciate the work that went into putting these recommendations together.

That said, after months of asking for an update and a plan for these funds, I am not prepared to approve the entire proposal on essentially one day's notice. The resolution submitted with your October 5 memorandum would not simply authorize tonight's expenditures; it would commit the Assigned Mental Health Funding to the initiatives contained in the attached plan, with \$672,040 to be allocated immediately and the remainder appropriated thereafter. Those individual proposals deserve appropriate legislative and committee review before we make that commitment.

There is, however, one component that I believe we can and should move forward immediately: the **\$380,152 expansion of the existing Mobile Crisis Team operated by People USA.**

Mobile Crisis is different from the other proposals because it is already an existing County mental health service, with an existing provider relationship and an established program from which we already have experience and data. The proposal expands staffing, hours, clinical capacity, psychiatric prescriber support and follow-up services rather than creating an entirely new program.

There is also a practical urgency to this funding. After many conversations I had with People USA involving the unfortunate closure of the Rose House, I understand their funding needs. In order to build out the additional team, hire staff and add prescriber capacity before the expanded service can become operational those funds need to be allocated as soon as possible - especially with the recent loss of the only stabilization service available. This is precisely the kind of community-based crisis response and stabilization service that we have repeatedly discussed in committee.

For that reason, I am prepared tonight to support a separate resolution allocating **\$380,152 to the Mental Health Local Government Unit for the expansion of Mobile Crisis services**, while reserving the remaining proposals for further review.

Please have the appropriate budgetary resolution/account information prepared for that allocation.

I would also appreciate receiving the **minutes, resolutions, recommendations and/or other materials from the Community Services Board meeting or meetings at which this plan and these recommendations were considered**. The report states that the recommendations followed discussions with the Community Services Board, and the proposed resolution similarly references consultation with the Board.

I look forward to reviewing the remaining recommendations promptly through the appropriate committee process.
