

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Western State Hospital – City of Lakewood Community Policing Program

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092, Section 202 (1)(b)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2021 Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092, the 2021-23 Operating Budget which provides:

\$311,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$310,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for a community partnership between western state hospital and the city of Lakewood to support community policing efforts in the Lakewood community surrounding western state hospital. The amounts provided in this subsection (1)(b) are for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for one full-time investigator, one full-time police officer, and one full-time community service officer at the city of Lakewood.

The proviso also requires the Department of Social and Health Services to collect data from the City of Lakewood on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

In 2017, through collaboration with the Lakewood Police Department (LPD), the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, and the Washington State Patrol, Western State Hospital (WSH) signed an interlocal agreement for *WSH Community Partnerships* to support community policing efforts in the Lakewood community surrounding WSH. This partnership established a collective commitment to consistency as it relates to criminal cases, human resource information, investigations, emergency managements, and security in the community shared by the Lakewood Police Department and Western State Hospital.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Per the agreed to statement of work regarding community partnership activities, representatives from the Lakewood Police Department and Western State Hospital Incident Management Office meet at regular intervals (weekly) to discuss the status of cases referred, accepted, declined, and forwarded to the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office for review and consideration of charging.

Representatives of LPD participate in meetings with the WSH human resources department, the Director of Security, and the Washington State Patrol to discuss the status of cross-agency cases and works with the WSH Incident Management Office to schedule interviews and meetings regarding investigations or incidents involving WSH employees and/or patients.

The Lakewood Police Department also participates in emergency management planning, training and exercises and attends monthly meetings involving both the Chief of Lakewood PD and the WSH Executive Leadership.

The community partnership agreement provides annual safety and security training to WSH staff, including preservation of crime scenes, searches, and security measures on the wards and grounds. In addition, LPD provides additional training on crime prevention, the types of

incidents that require notification of the police department, and community outreach and reporting.

POLICE PROTECTION

The Lakewood Police Department provides patrol services and emergency police protection (911), evidence preservation and incident investigation at WSH and adjacent areas. Representatives from LPD also attend meetings as necessary and participate in conference calls concerning crimes, incidents and/or investigations.

The following table shows data during the first three quarters of the community policing program with regard to the number of calls made from the Hospital to LPD for incident response and the number of times LPD was on campus for non-emergent duties. This table also outlines the investigative data submitted by the assigned detective that investigates crimes that occurs on campus and the number of cases cleared during each quarter.

	Patrol Responses	Cases assigned to LPD Investigator	Cases Cleared
1 st Quarter 01/01/2022 – 03/30/2022	No Reports submitted	No Investigator Assigned to WSH	0
2 nd Quarter 04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022	8	35	20
3 rd Quarter 07/01/2022 – 9/30/2022	8	35	16

2022 Q1, Q2 & Q3 BILLING TOTALS

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 01/01/22 through 03/30/22.

Police Protection- \$11,250.00
Community Partnership- \$.00

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 04/01/22 through 06/30/22.

Police Protection- \$11,250.00
Community Partnership- \$77,150.00

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 07/01/22 through 09/30/22.

Police Protection- \$11,250.00
Community Partnership- \$77,150.00

Total \$ 189,250.00

OBSERVATIONS & NEXT STEPS

In 2022, the amount of calls for general assistance to LPD decreased due to the limited services that LPD was able to offer due to their staffing challenges given to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most emergencies that occurred on campus were managed by the Western State Hospital Security Department.

For Calendar Year 2022, the city of Lakewood charged for full services in quarters two and three despite offering limited services with their current staffing resources WSH and the city of Lakewood collaborated to correct the billing accordingly, and the city of Lakewood has agreed to provide the updated billing by the end of the calendar year.

WSH Leadership and LPD are currently in discussion regarding how Lakewood Police Department will provide services in the next biennium. LPD still does not have the staffing resources for Patrol Services and the Community Service Officer due to the continued staffing challenges. LPD has proposed to still provide those services without assigning specific FTEs to complete the work.

The City of Lakewood has also proposed a 6% cost increase for the next biennium of \$37, 260 (\$4,625 per quarter increase) to continue the Community Policing Service Contract without those vacant FTE resources. WSH is also negotiating the cost increase and, if necessary, will submit a Supplemental Budget Request if an agreement is reached with the City of Lakewood to extend the Community Policing Contract.