

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

**Western State Hospital – City of Lakewood
Community Policing Program**

Substitute Senate Bill 5883, Section 2(b)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017 Washington State Legislature enacted Substitute Senate Bill 5883, the 2017-19 Operating Budget. Subsection (2)(b) of the budget provides:

\$311,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$310,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 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 (2)(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, the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, and the Washington State Patrol, Western State Hospital signed an interlocal agreement for *WSH Community Partnerships* to support community policing efforts in the Lakewood community surrounding WSH. This partnership establishes 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 (LPD) and Western State Hospital (WSH) Incident Management Office meet at regular intervals (bi-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 Chief of Safety and 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 Chief of Safety and Security.

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 collected during the first two quarters of the community policing program with regard to the number of calls made from the Hospital to LPD, number of calls where a response was not required, and the amount of time (in hours) LPD has spent investigating hospital incidents.

	Calls to Lakewood PD	Reports (No Response Required)	Investigation Hours
1 st Quarter 01/01/2019 – 03/30/2019	83	11	378
2 nd Quarter 04/01/2019 – 06/30/2019	89	68	382

Note: On June 3, 2019, WSH Security Department started giving all staff and patients who experienced an assault a Lakewood Police Department a Handwritten Statement Form. The availability of this report form significantly increased the number of reports for which no response was required in the 2nd Quarter.

2019 Q1 & Q2 BILLING TOTALS

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 01/01/19 through 03/30/19.

Police Protection-	\$11,250.00
Community Partnership-	\$77,625.00

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 04/01/19 through 06/30/19.

Police Protection-	\$11,250.00
Community Partnership-	\$77,625.00

Total	\$177,750.00
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OBSERVATIONS/NEXT STEPS

In 2017 Western State Hospital entered into a formal agreement with the Lakewood Police Department to engage with our shared community members in a team approach to proactive community policing. On 7/16/2019, the interlocal agreement was renewed with the addition of the Fort Steilacoom Competency Restoration Program (FSCRCP) in building 27 on the WSH campus.

WSH has seen the benefit of consistency in response to criminal cases, case management, and other concerns involving patients and staff on the WSH campus as a result of this partnership with the LPD. Moving forward, WSH and LPD will continue to monitor this partnership and evaluate current programs and process to identify any necessary adjustments to procedures that ensure consistency as it relates to criminal cases, human resource information, training, investigations, emergency managements, and security in the community shared by the Lakewood Police Department and Western State Hospital.

In summary, the agreement allows the Lakewood Police Department to prioritize an intentional partnership with WSH, ensuring a proactive approach to the identified concerns and needs, support our ability to accomplish our mission of transforming lives.