

**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 team and the Washington State Patrol to discuss the status of cross-agency cases and work 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 Deputy Chief of Lakewood PD and the WSH Emergency Management Director.

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. LPD also 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 three quarters of 2018 for the community policing program with regard to the number of calls made from WSH to LPD, number of calls where a response was not required, and the amount of time (in hours) LPD has spent investigating hospital incidents.

	<b>Calls to Lakewood PD</b>	<b>Reports, No Response Required</b>	<b>Investigation Hours</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 01/01/2018 – 03/30/2018	82	18	390
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 04/01/2018 – 06/30/2018	96	18	360
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 07/01/2018 – 09/30/2018	131	15	390

## 2018 Q1, Q2 & Q3 BILLING TOTALS

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 01/01/18 through 03/30/18.

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

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 04/01/18 through 06/30/18.

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

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 07/01/18 through 09/30/18.

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

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$266,625.00</b>
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## OBSERVATIONS/NEXT STEPS

In 2018 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. Through this partnership, WSH sees the benefit of consistency in response to criminal cases, case management, and other concerns involving patients and staff on the WSH campus.

Moving forward, WSH and LPD will evaluate current programs and processes to identify any necessary adjustments to procedures in order to ensure consistency as it relates to criminal cases, human resource information, training, investigations, emergency management, and security in the community shared by the Lakewood Police Department and Western State Hospital.

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