

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

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Per the agreed statement of work regarding community partnership activities, representatives from the LPD and 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 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 also provides 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.

	<b>Calls to Lakewood PD</b>	<b>Reports, No Response Required</b>	<b>Investigation Hours</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 07/01/2017- 09/30/2017	79	10	158
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 10/01/2017 – 12/31/2017	59	11	118

**2017 Q3 & Q4 BILLING TOTALS**

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 07/01/17 through 09/30/17.

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

Lakewood Police Department billed DSHS for services starting on 10/01/17 through 12/31/17.

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

**Total \$177,750.00**

## **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. Through this partnership, WSH has experienced 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 further adjustments to procedures in order to ensure consistency as it relates to criminal cases, human resource information, training, investigations, emergency managements, and security.

The agreement allows the Lakewood Police Department to prioritize an intentional partnership with WSH, ensuring a proactive approach to the concerns and needs that have been identified, and supporting the Hospital's ability to accomplish its mission of transforming lives.