



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

December 7, 2021

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 21-01078

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Maria Police Department for a Behavioral Health Co-Response Team (BHCRT), as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Maria Police Department for the creation and operation of a three-year pilot project for a BHCRT commencing upon execution of both the County and the City of Santa Maria;
- b) Direct the Director of Behavioral Wellness or designee to report to the Board of Supervisors on the operation of the Mental Health Co-Response Team after the first three years of its operations; and
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as government fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Hart, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) **Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- b) **Directed; and**
- c) **Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino