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# **Transition of Office of Behavioral Health Strategies & Crime Prevention & Control Commission DDHS to DDPHE**

Division 11. – Crime Prevention and  
Control Commission Ordinance  
Revisions

- In 2005 the Denver City Council approved Ordinance No. 195/2005 thereby creating the Crime Prevention and Control Fund.
- The Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC) was seated in September 2005.
- CPCC moved from Safety to Human Services in 2015 to be aligned with the newly created Office of Behavioral Health Strategies (OBHS).
- OBHS merged into the Department of Public Health & Environment in May 2018 including CPCC.

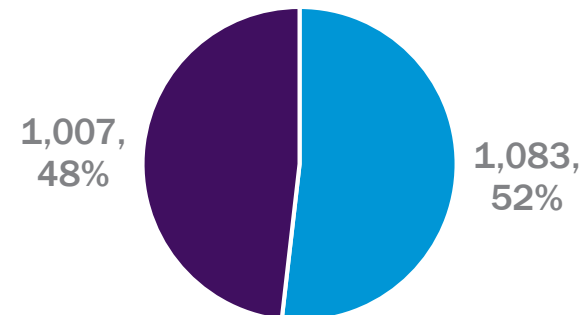
- DDPHE is committed to maintaining neighborhood safety, crime prevention, and control through its continued relationship with the agencies and individuals working as officers of the Commission and its funded programs and services.
- 31-member Commission consisting of elected officials, other principal justice system decision makers and residents.
- Three members of the City Council are appointed by its President to sit on the Commission:
  - Paul Kashmann, Wayne New, Deborah Ortega.

## Why Does CPCC sit in OBHS

- According to DSD data through August 2018, a large number of the current jail population is identified as a mental health alert (n = 1,007, 52%)
- Average length of stay for individuals with a mental health alert is ~ 32 days compared to ~9 days for their counterparts.
- This is consistent with the research, which consistently shows that a large proportion of the jailed population nationally has a co-occurring mental health or substance using condition.

## DSD JAIL POPULATION UPDATE

2018 Average Daily Population as of August 2018



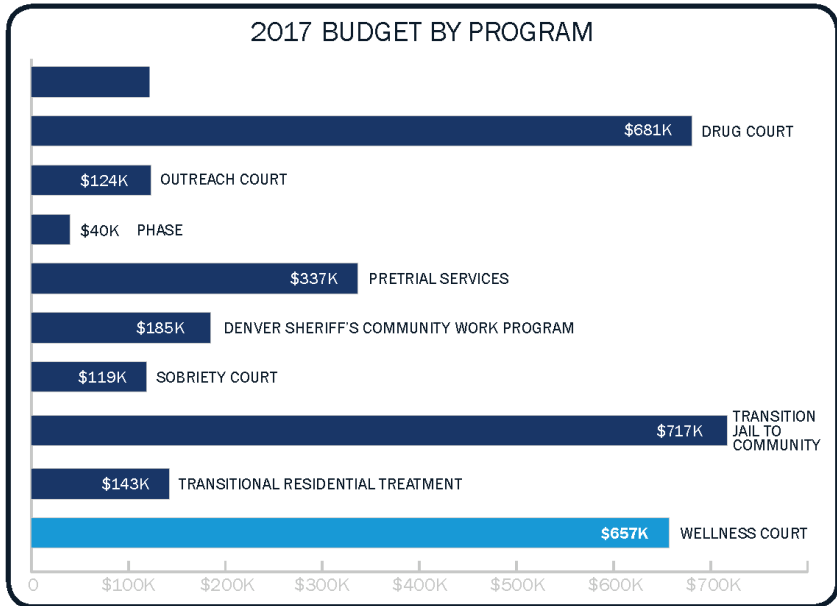
■ Without a MH Alert ■ With a MH Alert

**Of the 22,635 releases so far in 2018, 4,821 were released with an active Mental Health Alert. This represents 21% of all releases this year to date.**

Programs currently funded through the CPCC



2017 Budget By Program

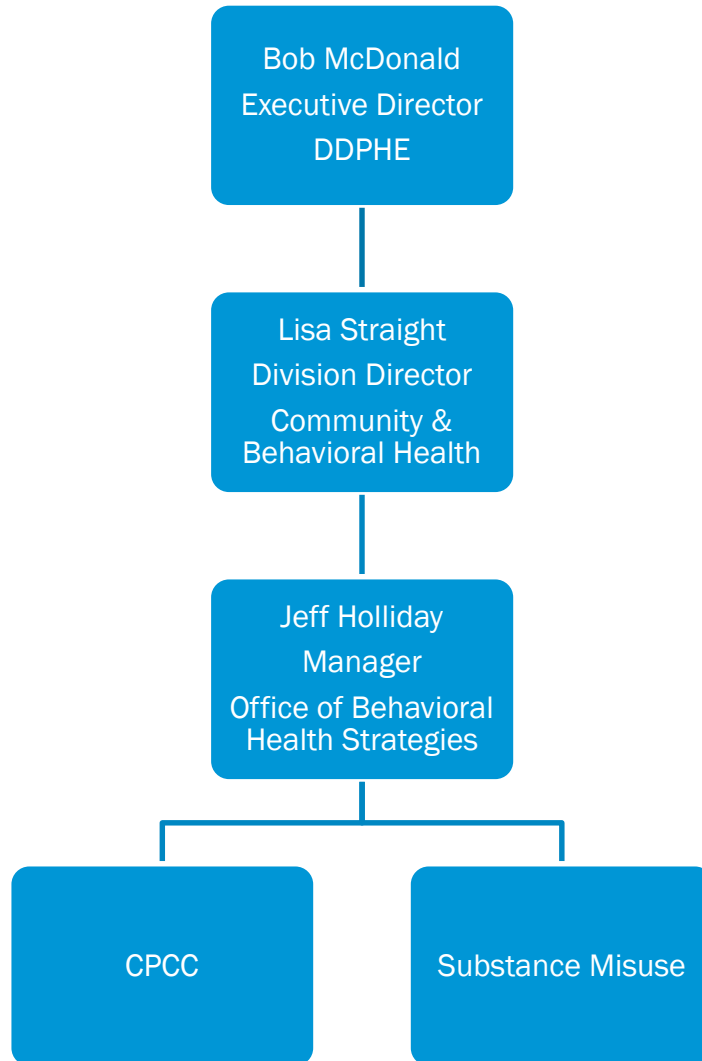


## CPCC Ordinance and companion CPCC contracts:

Document	What it does	Rationale
Ordinance revision proposal	Establishes the Commission and related Fund, prescribes intent, as well as duties and roles.	Change expending authority, budget planning activity, clean-up
Servicios De La Raza: Transition From Jail to Community	Connects participants set for release from jail with supportive skills, resources, and relationships to promote positive community involvement and transition back to community post release.	Align contract timeline to CCD business cycle and continuation of services.
MHCD Crisis Intervention Response Unit (CIRU) – Co-responder Program	Partners mental health clinicians with police officers to de-escalate situations that involve mental health conditions. Assists with identifying a person’s needs and connecting them with proper services.	Value of contract requires Council review.

## Timeline of key dates:

Date	Activity
October 5th	Policy Review Committee presentation
October 29th	Ordinance submission to Mayor's Office
November 7th	City Council safety Committee Meeting
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mayor – City Council
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bill filed for ordinance by CAO
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	First reading
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Second reading



- OBHS began transition to DDPHE/Community & Behavioral Health in May 2018.
- Transition of administrative functions will be fully complete by January 1, 2019.
- OBHS manager began August 28, 2018.



- Funds are in a “Special Revenue Fund” (restricted use by law)
- CPCC revenues come from the City’s General Fund and from Denver Human Services transfer.
  - GF and DHS transfer total \$4.32 million for FY 2019.
- Changes governing authority from DDHS to DDPHE.
- The Ordinance contemplates removing a fixed allocation and implementing a formalized budget planning process.

- Currently, the CPCC has created a budget sub-committee to implement a formalized budget planning process. The first meeting was held on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Cleans up grammatical errors and updates current officers.
- Expending Authority:
  - The Crime Prevention and Control commission will make recommendations to the expending authority for all expenditures in CPCC SRF.
  - The expending authority of the CPCC is authorized to approve payments of up to \$10,000 for expenditures consistent with the commission's annual plan for expenditures.