# Mental Health Center of Denver

Crisis Intervention Response Unit





#### Resolution Summary 19-1375

- Amending existing contract, to add one year and \$700,000 to operate the co-responder program, known as the Crisis Intervention Response Unit.
- This is funded by CPCC budget.
- This funds program at its current level.



## Program Timeline

April 2016 Coresponder initiative launched 2018 Program expands to cover 7 days per week in all 6 DPD districts.

2019 Economic uncertainty – decision made to maintain program in whole in CPCC













2017 – Program increases collaborative outreach

Spring 2019 CPCC recommends phased transition of program to Dept of Safety, beginning in 2020 Fall 2019 Budget confirmed, funding available for 2020.



#### Program highlights

- Clinicians have been able respond to traumatic event in the community to provide on-scene trauma-informed debriefings for individuals affected by the incident.
- Co-responders have branched out to work with other specialized units within the police department, including Special Victims Unit and Internal Affairs.
- CPCC funds 12 co-responders who cover all 6
  DPD districts, 7 days per week



#### 2018 by the numbers

- In 2018, the CIRU responded to 1,725 incidents that had the potential to escalate.
  - 69 individuals received a citation or arrest
  - 286 individuals placed on an emergency mental health hold
  - 71 people were connected to housing and treatment
  - 13 resulted in detox
  - 567 engaged in services with MHCD
    - 31% met criteria for bipolar diagnosis
    - 20% met criteria for major depressive diagnosis
    - 19% met criteria for PTSD
    - 16% met criteria for schizophrenia



## Contract Changes in 2020

- Reduce overall contract to \$700,000 to more accurately reflect City's actual expenses.
- \$1,000,000 budgeted in 2018 and 2019
  - 2018 actual expense \$458,000
  - 2019 projected actual ~\$620,000
    - Program is fully staffed in 2019.
  - Medicaid reimbursements ~40%, offsetting City's costs.



# Questions

