

# **Cumberland County**

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# **Item Details**

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# Agenda Item Request:

Review the proposed MOU between the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and The Opportunity Alliance to develop and coordinate efforts for a Law Enforcement Crisis Response Liaison (LECRL).

#### **Background and Purpose of Request:**

Requestor: Chief Deputy Brian Pellerin

Support the Sheriff's Office in developing a Mental Health Liaison program for the 15 county municipalities that the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to.

This position will be funded through The Opportunity Alliance in conjunction with their Crisis Response program as funded and coordinated through the state of Maine. This position would work directly with Deputies in the field in a co-response model and referral program for Mental Health related calls for service. This would include responses to residential calls as well as mental health related calls to the multiple schools in our patrol areas.

The Opportunity Alliance currently has an MOU with the City of Portland provides Portland PD with two mental health liaisons. There is another position based in the Town of Bridgton.

Presentation: Yes

#### **Funding Amount and Source:**

This position would be funded through The Opportunity Alliance and supported through claims submitted directly to MaineCare, Medicare and other private insurers for those individual beneficiaries receiving services through this program. There would be no costs associated with Cumberland County.

## **Effective Date if Applicable:**

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/17/2025 Commissioner Workshop		REFERRED	Board of Commissioners

Action Text: This Workshop Document was REFERRED to the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

03/17/2025 Board of Commissioners APPROVED

Action Text: A motion was made by Commissioner Caterina, seconded by Vice Chair Smith, that the Order be

APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Chair Gorden, Vice Chair Smith, Commissioner Cloutier, Commissioner

Caterina, and Commissioner Tyler

No: 0

Attachments: PP - Opportunity Alliance Crisis Response Position, CCSO TOA Draft MOU (002)-signed SM,

2023 Mental Health Related Calls for Service, 2024 Mental Health Related Calls for Service,

Analysis of Mental Health Response Data - 2023 - 2024