

Amendment 1B to CB 120707 – CARE Department

Sponsor: Councilmember ~~Mosqueda~~ Strauss

Clarifying the role of Seattle – King County Public Health in City public health governance and retaining the department head's current title

Effect: This amendment would amend references to the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department's purview in the Seattle Municipal Code with respect to public health. It would make explicit that the City's roles and responsibilities with respect to the development and implementation of public health policies are governed by an Interlocal Agreement with King County. The current version of that Interlocal Agreement, passed by the Council in 2011, is Ordinance 123668. The amendment would also retain the "Director" title for the head of the CARE Department.

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1. Amend Section 1 of CB 120707 as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.15.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 126233, is amended as follows:

3.15.060 ((~~Community Safety and Communications Center~~)) Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department

There is created within the Executive Department a ((~~Community Safety and Communications Center~~)) Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department to provide timely, accurate, and vital information to the City's first responders, ((city)) service providers, and the public, and to provide ((civilian)) non-police and community-based services and solutions to community safety challenges. The CARE Department's mission is to improve public health and safety services by unifying and aligning the City's community-focused, non-police public safety

investments and services to address behavioral abuse, substance abuse, and non-emergent, low-risk calls for service through diversified programs that are equitable, innovative, evidence-based, compassionate, and effective and that conform to any interlocal agreements in effect between The City of Seattle and King County regarding public health. ~~((A. Effective the earlier of June 1, 2021 or 30 days after the Executive receives the necessary Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) access permissions for the 9-1-1 call center, the))~~ The functions of the ~~((Community Safety and Communications Center))~~ Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department are as follows:

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~~((c.))~~ 3. Notify City departments, City leaders, and other stakeholders of emergency incidents.

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5. Provide diversified community-focused responses to 911 calls identified as behavioral health, non-emergent, low-acuity, and low-risk.

6. Create a new initiative to integrate the City’s violence intervention programs, using research and evidence-based strategies to reduce violence, including identifying specific and measurable outcomes. This initiative will focus initially on: (a) gun violence prevention interventions; (b) community-based intervention programs, including violence interrupters; (c) youth-focused programs; and use evidence-based public safety strategies to measure program success and develop future solutions.

7. Improve ~~public~~ health and safety by unifying and aligning Seattle’s community-focused, non-police public safety investments.

2. Amend Section 2 of CB 120707 as follows:

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3.15.062 ~~((Director)) Chief~~ of the ~~((Community Safety and Communications Center))~~

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A. Appointment, term, and removal

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B. Duties

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3. Manage the preparation of the preliminary proposed budget for ~~((CSCC))~~ the CARE Department, authorize necessary expenditures and enter into contracts for professional and expert services in accordance with the adopted budget, develop and manage programs, and undertake authorized activities;

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