

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Discussion of the Regional Crisis (RCR) Agency Principals Assembly and RCR Agency Program Update		
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office		
PRESENTED BY:	Bristol Ellington, City Manager		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On October 24, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 501 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement and the Articles of Incorporation of the Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency to implement the Regional Mobile Crisis Response Program. Since that time, the RCR Agency has been established as is continuing to build its program serving the five North King County cities that established it (Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, and Kirkland).

Tonight, RCR Executive Director Brook Buettner will provide the Council with an update on the status, accomplishments, and next priorities of RCR and will request that a member of the Council be appointed to represent the City of Shoreline at the RCR Principal Assembly.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact based on tonight's discussion. The City's portion of the cost of the RCR Agency is \$327,248 in 2023 and is projected to cost \$385,205 in 2024, with a one-time start-up cost of \$101,575. These costs were included in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required at this time, as tonight's item is for discussion purposes only. Staff recommends that the City Council ask questions of staff and Executive Director Buettner regarding the RCR Agency and confirm the process for Councilmember appointment to the RCR Principal Assembly.

Approved by: City Manager **BE** City Attorney **MK**

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Shoreline Police Department started a pilot program called RADAR, after being one of seven successful applicants out of over 100 to receive a United States Department of Justice grant for projects under their Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) in October 2015. The goal of SPI was to identify the development of programs and strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical ways to reduce crime, ensure higher case closure rates, and increase agency efficiency and improve community collaboration and relations. When the program was first envisioned, the overall goal of RADAR was to enhance community and first responder safety through relationship-based policing, community care-taking, and procedural justice.

In 2019, the cities of Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Shoreline entered into an Interlocal Agreement for the North Sound RADAR Navigator Program. The purpose was to provide the member cities with an economical mechanism for the efficient administration and coordination of a RADAR program to be used in the event of a behavioral health crisis. The goals were to strengthen community/police partnerships, to increase the connection of at-risk individuals with effective behavioral health services and treatments, and to enhance community and first responder safety by reducing the potential for police use of physical force.

The 2019 Interlocal agreement was for a three-year period and the City of Bothell agreed to serve as the lead agency, which included the responsibility to hire the Program Manager and serve as the Program Manager's employer along with providing finance and accounting services. The program was to be funded with a King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Grant, along with any other investment that the individual cities wanted to make independently of each other. As other granting sources became available, different cities, including Shoreline, became the fiduciary lead for individual grants.

On September 26, 2022, the Council received an update on the North Sound RADAR cities planned expansion of the RADAR program to become a Regional Model Crisis Response Program. The staff report for this September 26th Council discussion, including information on the proposed staffing model, merger with the Kirkland program, and the draft Articles of Incorporation and interlocal agreement for the regional entity, can be found here: [Update on the Regional Mobile Crisis Response Program and Crisis Triage Facility to Serve North King County Cities](#).

On October 24, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution No. 501 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Articles of Incorporation and Interlocal Agreement with the RCR Agency. The staff report for the adoption of Resolution No. 501 can be found here: <http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2022/staffreport102422-8a.pdf>.

DISCUSSION

The RCR Agency Interlocal Agreement went into effect on January 1, 2023. Since that time, the Agency continues to build its regional mobile crisis response program on behalf of the cities of Bothell, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and Kirkland to improve outcomes and services to community members experiencing crisis. Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, these cities are referred to as the Formation Principals. At tonight's meeting, RCR Executive Director Brook Buettner will provide an update to Council on the status, accomplishments, and next priorities of the RCR Agency. Executive Director Buettner's PowerPoint Presentation for tonight's discussion is attached to this staff report as Attachment A.

RCR Principals Assembly and Proposed Process for Appointment

In addition to the program update, Executive Director Buettner will request that a member of the Council be appointed to represent the City of Shoreline at the RCR Principal Assembly. The RCR Agency is required to hold a Principals Assembly not less than three times per year in the first biennium of the Agency's operations and thereafter must be held at least one time per year, unless two or more Principals request a meeting. The legislative body of each City is required to appoint one of its members to represent the legislative body at the Principals Assembly. The actions and recommendations of the Principals Assembly are advisory to the Executive Board. More information on the purpose, duties and structure of the Principals Assembly can be found on the Principals Assembly Information Sheet (Attachment B).

To appoint the City of Shoreline Principals Assembly member, staff recommends that Council discuss and give the Mayor the authority at tonight's Council meeting to solicit input from Councilmembers on their interest in serving as Shoreline's representative and subsequently making the appointment to the Assembly at a future Council meeting. If more than one Councilmember is interested in serving in this capacity, the Mayor would make the determination on the appointment. Staff requests that the Council confirm this process or an alternative process, such as Council formally voting on the appointment, at tonight's Council meeting.

COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

This agenda item addresses Council Goal #5, Action Step #4:

Goal 5: *Promote and enhance community safety, broader community connections, and a coordinated response to homelessness and individuals in behavioral health crisis.*

- **Action Step 4:** *Participate on the Board of Directors and Operations Board of the recently launched Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency to ensure agency effectiveness and coordinate across stakeholder response functions throughout the RCR served community.*

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Executive Director Brook Buettner RCR Agency PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment B: Regional Crisis Response Agency Principals Assembly Information Sheet

Regional Crisis Response Agency

Presentation for Shoreline City Council, May 15, 2023

Brook Buettner, Executive Director

Regional Crisis Response (RCR)

- Mobile crisis response services providing de-escalation, resource referral, and follow-up tailored to the specific needs of an individual in crisis
- Shoreline, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Kirkland
- Interlocal Agreement in effect 1/1/23



Services in Shoreline

- RADAR Navigator Program
- Partnership with Shoreline Police Department/ KCSO
- 177 people in crisis served during 2022
- 70 people served during 2023 Q1



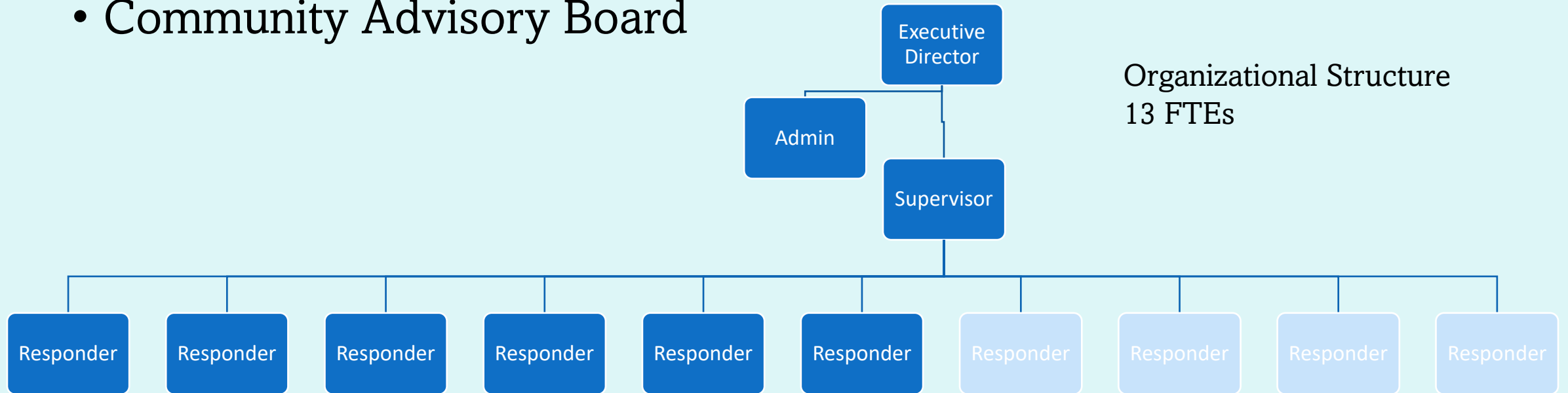
Operations update

- 1 FTE assigned to Shoreline, also supporting other cities
- Ride-along and overtime shifts
- Navigators available 5-6 days/week
- KCSO dispatch call sign



Governance structure

- Principals Assembly
- Executive Board
- Operations Board
- Community Advisory Board



Organizational Structure
13 FTEs

Principals Assembly

The legislative body of each principal shall appoint one of its members to represent the legislative body at the Principals Assembly.

Meeting Information

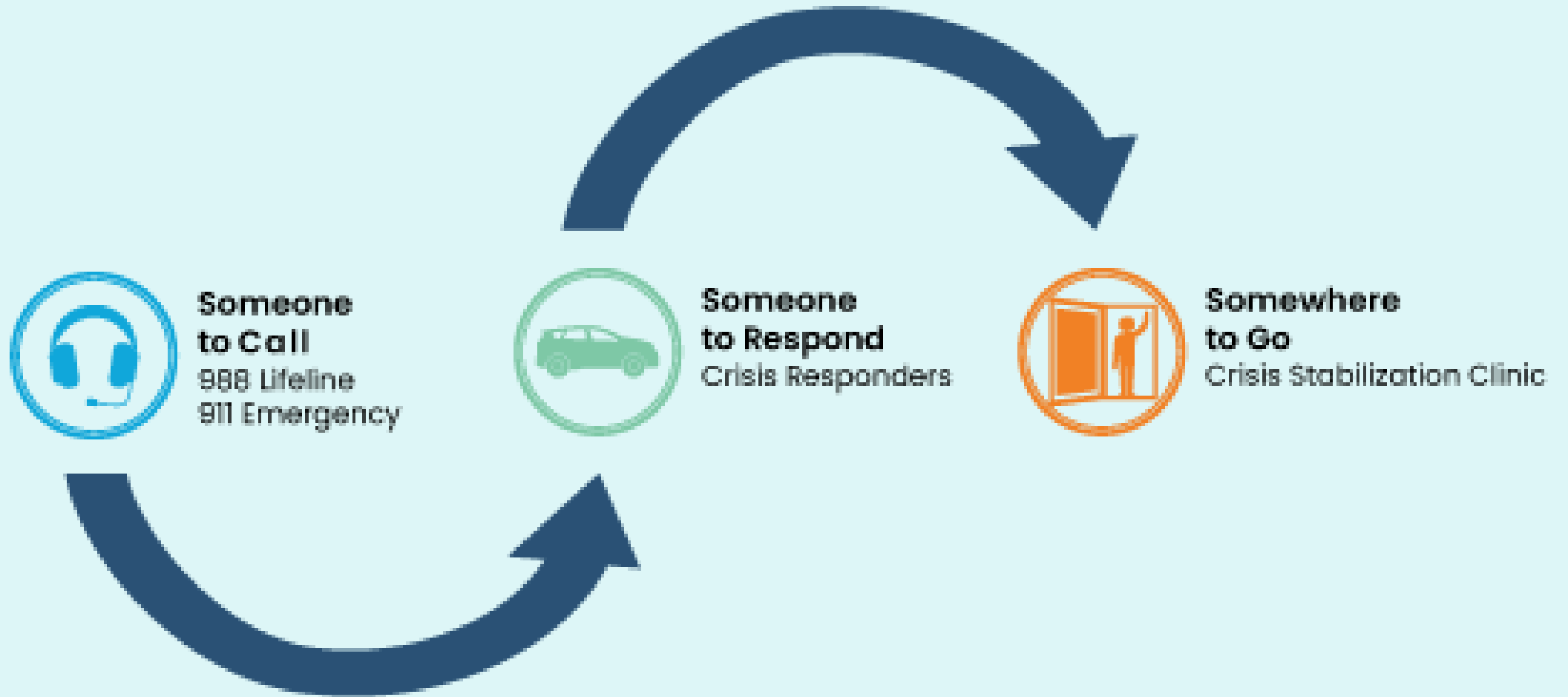
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- First in-person meeting to be held June 28, 2023, 6-7:30pm
- Meetings likely to be 90 minutes, in person, location rotating through the cities



Coming up...

- Dissolution of RADAR ILA
- Convening Operations Board
- Community Visioning Process

Becoming a **Crisis Now** Community



Crisis Triage Facility

- Connections Health WA
- State capital funding
- Planning to open 2024



Questions?

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RCR Principals Assembly Information Sheet

The *Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency* provides regional mobile crisis response on behalf of the cities of Bothell, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore and Kirkland to improve outcomes and services to community members experiencing crisis.

Principals Assembly Meeting Information

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About the Principals Assembly (from the ILA)

The Agency shall hold a Principals Assembly not less than three times per year in the first biennium of the agency operations. Thereafter, the Principals Assembly shall be held at least one time per year. A Principals Assembly shall also be convened upon request of the legislative bodies of two or more Principals. If such Principals Assembly is convened, the legislative body of each Principal shall appoint one of its members to represent the legislative body at the Principals Assembly. The Principals Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Board for one meeting as a joint meeting with the Executive Board, at which the Executive Director shall present an annual report:

- (1) Reviewing the activities of Agency for the previous calendar year;
- (2) Presenting the work program and significant events for the upcoming calendar year;
- (3) Presenting a financial management report for Agency, including the year prior to the end of the current budget period, the proposed budget for the following budget period; and
- (4) Reporting on workload and performance benchmarks of Agency.

Also at the Principals Assembly, a representative from the Operations Board may present a report on its work in the prior calendar year, and priorities for the forthcoming year. At the Principals Assembly, the appointed legislative representatives may vote to recommend changes to the Agency's proposed budget policy, work program and performance measure program, and may provide additional comments and questions to the Executive Board and Executive Director. Voting by legislative representatives shall be on one-vote per Principal basis with a simple majority vote of Principals represented at the meeting required to approve any recommendation to be forwarded to the Executive Board. The agenda for the Principals Assembly shall be reported to the Executive Board no later than two weeks before such meeting by written report prepared by or at the direction of the Executive Director. The actions and recommendations of the Principals Assembly shall be advisory to the Executive Board.

Tentative agenda for the first meeting

1. Report on services provided since 01/01/2023
2. Status report on RCR transition; operations plan for the coming quarter and/or year
3. Presentation of budget actuals and proposed framework for reconciliation
4. Initial discussion of workload & performance benchmarks, data collection strategy to inform future cost allocation by city
5. Presentation of the "Staffing Picture," current coverage and future state when fully staffed