

## **5.10.000 CRISIS SOLUTION CENTER**

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### **INTRODUCTION: 12/16**

The Crisis Solution Center (CSC) is designed to provide immediate mental health and/or substance use (herein referred to as behavioral health) disorder services to individuals who are in acute behavioral health crisis. The CSC is designed to steer individuals away from the revolving door of the jail cell and/or emergency department, to a facility that can attempt to stabilize their behavioral health issues with direct services. Deputies should use the CSC when an individual meets the requirements for referral and/or admission to the programs of the CSC. All referrals are done at officer discretion.

This policy does not include persons who are defined in GOM 5.08.000, "PERSONS IN BEHAVIORAL CRISIS".

1. Deputies can refer individuals to two of the components to the Crisis Solutions Center; the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), and the Crisis Diversion Facility (CDF).
2. Individuals do not have to have committed an offense to be eligible for CSC services, any interaction between law enforcement and an individual in behavioral health crisis is an opportunity for a referral.

The MCT consists of two-person teams of mental health clinicians with training in substance use disorders, who respond to referrals from deputies in the community in order to assist with people, age 18 and older, in behavioral health crisis. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The MCT helps resolve crises, provides referrals to ongoing services and supports, and assists with arranging or providing transportation for individuals as needed.

The CDF is a 16 bed, non-smoking, facility able to provide deputies with an alternative option to the jail or hospital emergency departments for individuals, age 18 and older, who are experiencing a behavioral crisis. The facility accepts individuals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, who can stay for a maximum of 72 hours (length of stay is generally 24-48 hours). The CDF provides crisis and stabilization services, case management, needs assessments, and linkage with community-based services.

Additionally, the CDF can accept individuals to their facility on a jail diversion, in lieu of a booking into jail. Individuals in behavioral health crisis often come to the attention of law enforcement due to minor criminal infractions. In many cases, these infractions may be more related to symptoms of a behavioral health issue and basic daily survival, than any criminal intent. In cases where officers are engaged with individuals that are thought to be experiencing behavioral health problems, and an eligible offense.

Deputies can ultimately refer individuals to the CDF who are suffering from a behavioral health disorder in three different scenarios:

1. During a voluntary, non-criminal, social contact where police are called to a scene to initiate contact with a person suffering from a behavioral health disorder, as part of an officer's community caretaking function; or
2. During an investigative detention under *Terry*, where police contact with a person suffering from a behavioral health disorder, where the officer has an initial reasonable suspicion to believe that criminal activity is afoot, but that does not ultimately result in a probable cause arrest or;
3. When an officer has probable cause to believe that a person suffering from a behavioral health disorder has committed a misdemeanor or simple felony drug possession criminal offense listed below as an eligible offense.

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**REFERRAL GUIDELINES to the MCT: 12/16**

The following criteria should be considered in making a referral decision to the MCT:

1. The individual is age 18 or older.
2. The individual is willing to engage in services.
3. The individual has some behavioral control to participate in services.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Deputies arriving on scene shall make an initial assessment of the situation and identify if the individual meets the requirements for referral to the MCT.
2. If the individual meets the requirements deputies should contact the MCT at (206) 245-3201 to request an outreach or consultation (this is not a public number and is for first responders only, do not give this number to anyone in the community). The MCT only needs a location and a deputy's name/contact information, to respond. When possible, deputies are encouraged to provide additional information to assist the MCT in their response, such as:
  - a. Demographic information of the client (if known).
  - b. Reason for referral.
  - c. Any other relevant information (i.e. service animals, property to transport, assisted mobility devices, medical issues, if the individual speaks a language other than English, etc.).
3. The MCT will provide an estimated time of arrival at the deputy's location to assist in determining if the resource is an option for the deputy.
4. Deputies are asked to remain with the individual, if possible, until the MCT arrives and establishes their ability to work with the individual. The MCT will work with the referring officer to identify alternative response options if the officer is unable to remain on scene to await the outreach.
5. The MCT will travel to the scene and engage in an assessment of the individual along with the responding deputies.
6. Deputies may run a WACIC criminal history to provide basic background information on an individual including violent offender status and registered sex offender status, especially if a referral to the CDF is being considered.
7. If the MCT is not available, deputies can call CDF directly at (206) 682-2371 and follow the guidelines and procedures below regarding referral to the CDF.

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**REFERRAL GUIDELINES to the CDF: 12/16**

The following criteria should be considered in making a referral decision to the CDF:

1. The individual is age 18 or older.
2. The individual is willing to engage in services.
3. The individual has some behavioral control to participate in services.
4. The individual has not been convicted of a violent or sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 within the past 10 years, and is not currently registered as a sex offender.
5. The individual does not have an active, extraditable criminal warrant.
6. The individual does not have a medical condition that requires immediate treatment.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Deputies arriving on scene shall make an initial assessment of the situation and identify if the individual meets the requirements for referral to the CDF. Deputies do not need to attempt an MCT referral prior to making a direct referral to the CDF.
2. Deputies shall run a WACIC criminal history to provide basic background information on an individual including violent offender status and registered sex offender status. If the individual is

- either classified as a violent or sex offender, if they have a conviction for a violent or sex offense (9.94A.030), or if they are on an active, extraditable warrant, they are not eligible for referral to the CDF.
3. If the individual meets the admission requirements, deputies should contact the CDF directly at (206) 682-2371 to make a referral. All referents are required to contact the CDF to engage in a phone screening prior to bringing an individual to the facility. Deputies will be asked to provide the following:
    - a. Demographic information of the client (if known).
    - b. Reason for referral.
    - c. Medical issues (if known) and other relevant information available (i.e. service animals, property to transport, assisted mobility devices, if the individual speaks a language other than English, etc.).
    - d. Danger to Self, Danger to Others, Destruction to Property, Grave Disability information.
    - e. Criminal background information.
    - f. When deputies deliver the person to the CDF, they will provide relevant information to the CDF, but no additional paperwork will be required of the deputies.
  4. After the individual has been screened and approved for admission to the CDF, deputies can take the individual directly to the CDF, or request assistance with transportation if available. Deputies that transport clients to the CDF will walk the individual into the facility and hand the individual off to the CDF staff. Direct drop-offs should take around 5 minutes, but no longer than 15 minutes.
  5. Complete and incident report using the proper FCR.
  6. Deputies are not required to respond back to the CSC if, after being admitted, a suspect should elect to leave the facility without having completed or participated in any CSC directed program.
  7. Deputies who elect not to use the CSC as a jail diversion will not be censured if, due to the circumstances of their investigation, they determine that a diversion is not appropriate.

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**JAIL DIVERSION REFERRAL GUIDELINES: 12/16**

For individuals subject to arrest, the officer has the option to forego booking into the King County Jail and instead transport the individual, at their express assent and approval, to the CDF. The following criteria should be considered in making a referral decision regarding a jail diversion:

- a. Has this person committed a listed misdemeanor or felony drug possession offense?
  - b. Does this person appear to have behavioral health issue?
  - c. Does the offense the person is alleged to have committed require mandatory arrest and booking into jail?
  - d. Is the offense the person is alleged to have committed, an eligible offense for diversion to CSC?
  - e. Does the person have prior criminal history that is violent or disqualifying from the CSC?
  - f. Does the person have any medical conditions at the time of arrest that requires immediate medical treatment or referral to a hospital?
  - g. Does the person display any interest in being offered services at a CSC rather than being taken to and booked into Jail, or do the person's words and actions indicate they will be combative and non-cooperative with the offering of services?
  - h. Has the potential crime victim been notified of the diversion option and is there strong opposition to the diversion from the victim that should be considered in the decision?
  - i. Is the crime involved related to a Domestic Violence (DV) criminal charge?
2. Misdemeanor and felony crimes that will be accepted as a jail diversion at the CSC.
  - a. Criminal Trespass I & II.
  - b. Theft 3.
  - c. Malicious Mischief.
  - d. Unlawful Bus Conduct.
  - e. Disorderly Conduct.
  - f. Obstructing.

- g. Use of Drug Paraphernalia.
  - h. Possession of Marijuana (>28 grams <40 grams, or any possession by a minor).
  - i. Alcohol in a Park.
  - j. NVOL (No Valid Operator's License).
  - k. DWLS 3.
  - l. Minor in Possession of Alcohol.
  - m. Unlawful Issuance of Bank Checks.
  - n. Prostitution.
  - o. Loitering for Purposes of Prostitution.
  - p. Possess Fraudulent Driver's License.
  - q. Failure to Obey.
  - r. Theft of Rental Property.
  - s. Drug Traffic Loitering.
  - t. Telephone Harassment (abuse of 911 system).
  - u. False Reporting.
  - v. VUCSA: Simple Possession of Cocaine < 1 gram.
  - w. VUCSA: Simple Possession of Heroin < 1 gram.
  - x. VUCSA: Simple Possession of Methamphetamine <1 gram.
  - y. VUCSA: Possession of Legend Drugs (Prescription Drugs without Proper Prescription).
3. A person does not qualify for the CSC if:
- a. They are currently being arrested for an offense not listed in # 2.
  - b. They have been convicted of a violent or sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 within the past 10 years, or are currently registered as a sex offender.
  - c. They have an active, extraditable criminal warrant.
  - d. They are gravely disabled and are incapable of providing essential human needs of health or safety to themselves.
  - e. They refuse a CSC referral.
  - f. They are arrested for any DV related offense.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Deputies arriving on scene shall make an initial assessment of the situation and identify if the individual meets the requirements for admission to the CDF, and qualifies for a jail diversion based on current criminal offense.
2. Deputies shall run a WACIC criminal history to provide basic background information on an individual including violent offender status and registered sex offender status. If the individual is either classified as a violent or sex offender, if they have a conviction for a violent or sex offense (9.94A.030), or if they are on an active, extraditable warrant, they are not eligible for referral to the CDF.
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