



City Council

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

November 25, 2024

5:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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Meeting of November 25, 2024; Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding

Councilors

Matt Keating, President
Emily Semple
Alan Zelenka
Greg Evans

Randy Groves, Vice President
Lyndsie Leech
Jennifer Yeh
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5:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

1. WORK SESSION: Mental Health and Substance Abuses Services-Eugene Panel

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Mental Health and Substance Abuses Services-Eugene Panel

Meeting Date: November 25, 2024

Department: Central Services-City Manager's Office

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Agenda Item Number: 1

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is part three of a work session series initiated through a council poll from Councilors Leech and Zelenka. This work session will provide City Council a panel of Eugene Police, Fire, and Municipal Court leadership to discuss how behavioral health programs and services are implemented locally.

BACKGROUND

Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs and services are traditionally the role of federal, state and county government. As such, the role of cities related to the provision of MH and SUD programs and services has been limited and generally in response to emergent issues within a local community. This is also the situation within Eugene. The focus for this work session is to follow up on the [October 14, 2024 Work Session](#) (Federal/State/Local Programs) and the [November 13, 2024 Work Session](#) (Youth Mental Health) to provide the opportunity for City Council to discuss with Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner, Eugene Springfield Fire (ESF) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Mike Caven, and Eugene Municipal Court Presiding Judge Greg Gill.

EUGENE PROGRAMS

Information on Eugene behavioral health (BH) related programs and services was included in the October 14, 2024 Agenda Item Summary, and for reference summary information for Police, Fire, and Municipal Court are provided below. At the Council Work Session, panel representatives will provide a brief overview of the program information provided below as well as the emerging needs and challenges.

Eugene Police Department

EPD has been at the forefront of innovative approaches to crisis mediation for decades. Over the years, new approaches to policing have been piloted and are at the core of the success of the community payroll tax funded programs.

Traditional Services	Innovative Services	Emerging Services
Responses to Calls for Service	Downtown Co-Responder Program	Co-Responder Program Expansion

911 Call-Taking and Dispatching	Housing Support Officer Program	Lane County Deflection Program
Crisis Negotiations Team	Parks Resource Officer Program	Lane County Stabilization Program
Special Investigations Unit		

Eugene Springfield Fire Department

The [September 11, 2024 Council work session presentation](#) provides an overview of ESF Innovations and Emerging programs including:

Traditional Services	Innovative Services	Emerging Services
Basic and Advanced Life Support Ambulance service	CAHOOTS + LCBH Mobile Crisis Services	Nurse Navigation
Fire response	Alternative Response Unit (ARU)	Senior Response Unit
Squad	Mobile Medical Response	Community Response Unit
		FireMed+

Central Services-Municipal Court

The Municipal Court created a Specialty Docket Unit, which is a team of staff dedicated to coordinating cases across the Specialty Dockets (programs). Each Specialty program/docket is made up of a dedicated specialty team that includes three dedicated Judges, two dedicated Prosecutors, attorneys and Law Enforcement officers. One of these Innovative Programs is the Community Court Program, where 100 percent of participants have BH/SUD related issues. The Community Safety Payroll Tax provides the largest contribution to this program.

Traditional Services	Innovative Services (100 percent of these cases include a BH/SUD component)	Emerging Services
Jail Arraignments, Springfield and Lane County	Community Court Program, including Provider Room	DOJ Grant-Shelter, Dedicated Provider, Expanded Services
Parking Infractions	Specialty Dockets including: Mental Health Court Program, Opportunity Docket, and .370 Docket/Aid and Assist Program	Increased coordination on '370' cases with LC Circuit Court and Springfield Municipal Court

NEXT STEPS

January 15, 2025 – Council Work Session on ‘2025 IGR State Priorities’

State of Oregon Policy Priorities – Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee

The 2023 and [2024](#) City of Eugene State Priorities included, “Support increased state investment in mental health and behavioral health systems.” The current Draft 2025 State Priorities include a similar statement, with the recognition that the BH/SUD Work Sessions may provide more specific definition from the City Council related to seeking state support. The IGR Committee will review a DRAFT 2025 Oregon Priorities document at their December 4, 2024 meeting, followed by a City

Council Work Session scheduled for January 15, 2025 to review, comment, and take action on the 2025 Priority and Policy package before the 2025 Legislative Session begins on January 21, 2025.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

[Eugene City Council Vision, Values, Goals and Outcomes](#)

Safe Community for Community Wellbeing: A community where all people are safe, valued, and welcome, and our systems and infrastructure are resilient and secure.

[City of Eugene Strategic Plan](#)

Urgent Community Needs: Mitigate the impacts of homelessness on unhoused individuals and the community

[2024 Eugene State Priorities](#)

Support increased state investment in mental health and behavioral health systems. The City of Eugene supports an increased level of investment from the state to address the systemic challenges within the mental and behavioral health systems, and an expansion of eligible entities receiving state funding for mental health and crisis support services.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[October 14, 2024 Work Session](#)

Staff presented on Mental Health and Substance Abuses Services.

[November 13, 2024 Work Session](#)

Staff presented on Eugene Youth Opportunities and Challenges

COUNCIL OPTIONS

Information only.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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