



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>July 24, 2023</b>	<b>Staff/Council Member(s): City Manager</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Resolution#</b>		
<b>Department:</b>	<b>City Manager, Valley Community Services Board</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Crisis Receiving Center, Crisis Services- Detox Unit</b>	

**Background:** Crisis receiving and stabilization services offer the community a no-wrong-door access to mental health and substance use care; operating much like a hospital emergency department that accepts all walk-ins, ambulance, fire and police drop-offs. The need to say yes to mental health crisis referrals, including working with persons of varying ages (as allowed within the facility license) and clinical conditions (such as serious emotional disturbances, serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities), regardless of acuity, informs program staffing, physical space, structure and use of chairs or recliners in lieu of beds that offer far less capacity or flexibility within a given space.

Crisis Receiving and Crisis Service Centers or Units have become prioritized in recent state budgets receiving support from the General Assembly, Governors, and by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. These units improve access to services, are viewed as deliverers of more appropriate service and relieve stress on emergency departments and law enforcement agencies.

Last year, representatives from DBHS alerted service providers and law enforcement in the SAW area of available funds to stand up a unit in the SAW area.

Dr. Kimberly McClanahan, executive director of Valley Community Services Board, will provide an update on that work.

**City Manager's Recommendation: For informational purposes.** Once a state allocation is known, stakeholders will report back to the jurisdictions.

**Suggested Motion(s): NA**

**Attachments: None.**