



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Bruce Mills, Interim Assistant City Manager *BM*

FROM: Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court *WTK*

DATE: March 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Resolution No. 20230413-048 regarding the Mental Health Diversion Pilot

This memorandum provides an update on [Resolution 20230413-048](#) which included direction to, “explore the feasibility of an interlocal agreement for the development of an Austin/Travis County Diversion Center, identify financial resources necessary to partner in developing a pilot for mental health diversion services and a bridge housing program, and provide updates to the Public Health Committee and a report to Council.”

During the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget process, City Council amended the proposed budget to allocate \$2 million toward the Mental Health Diversion Pilot. On February 15, 2024, City Council approved [Item 20240215-043](#) which authorized Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) to begin negotiation of an interlocal agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care (Integral Care) for the Diversion Pilot.

DACC is actively negotiating an agreement with Integral Care and working through outstanding process questions regarding the Mental Health Diversion Pilot. When negotiations conclude, an item will be brought to seek Council’s authorization to execute the interlocal agreement. Additionally, a presentation regarding the Mental Health Diversion Pilot has been scheduled for the April 3, 2024 Public Health Committee.

Should you need more information, please contact me at Robert.Kingham@austintexas.gov or 512-974-1394.

CC: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager