

# HB 1477 Lived Experience Subcommittee

July 13, 2022

HEALTH  
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ASSOCIATES

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TIME	TOPIC
5:00 pm	Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Agenda
5:15-6:00 pm	Request for input: Washington Crisis Response System – How to Address Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A place to call</li><li>• <i>Someone to come – focus of this meeting</i></li><li>• Somewhere to go</li></ul>
6:00-6:20 pm	Update from CRIS Committee and Subcommittees
6:20-6:50 pm	Open Discussion
6:50-7:00 pm	Adjourn and closing

# Zoom Technology Moment: Committee Members



# Crisis Service Enhancements

Improving our crisis system to meet the goals of 1477

# Goals of HB 1477 and SAMHSA

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- ▶ Work to implement HB 1477 follows the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) best practices for crisis services
- ▶ Goals from the SAMHSA toolkit include:
  - ▶ Creating a system with someone to talk to, someone to respond, and somewhere to go
  - ▶ Reducing the use of police or first responders in crisis calls
  - ▶ Integrating peers into crisis work
- ▶ Goals for Washington:
  - ▶ Establish standards for mobile crisis teams
  - ▶ Expand youth crisis services while implementing the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) model
  - ▶ Make services accessible across Washington and make those services responsive to the needs and unique cultures in the state

# Improving Mobile Crisis

Aligning to national SAMHSA best practices

# Adult Mobile Crisis Response Teams – Current state and near future plans

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Current Adult Mobile Crisis Response Teams	Future State Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exist in a variety of formats in all regions.</li><li>• Teams can be made up of Mental Health Professionals (MHPs), Certified Peer Counselors, Crisis Case Managers, Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs) and other providers.</li><li>• Some mobile crisis response providers work full time in other non-crisis clinical roles for their agency and part time for crisis response or are expected to stop non-emergent work activities to respond to crisis situations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent legislative investments, through proviso funding, in Mobile Crisis Response teams.</li><li>• Development of standards for Mobile Crisis Response teams (draft guide based on SAMHSA best practices and adapted to Washington).</li><li>• Development of training for Mobile Crisis Response providers to enable leveraging of enhanced federal dollars for Medicaid.</li><li>• Ensuring services are equitable and accessible statewide.</li></ul>

# Youth vs. Adult mobile crisis response

## Youth Crisis Model

- ▶ Single point of access
- ▶ Crisis defined by parent/youth
- ▶ Comprehensive youth assessment
- ▶ Respond without Law Enforcement
- ▶ Teams trained to work with children and families
- ▶ Designed to interrupt care pathway
- ▶ Stabilization in-home - 8 weeks
- ▶ Community Connections and warm-handoff core component

## Adult Crisis Model

- ▶ Care traffic control model
- ▶ Crisis defined by caller
- ▶ Crisis assessment for danger to self & others
- ▶ Law enforcement may respond with team
- ▶ Crisis trained responders, not child specific
- ▶ Designed to address needs of the adult
- ▶ Connection to community supports
- ▶ Team may provide transportation



# Mobile Crisis Response guide

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- ▶ Developing a program guide based on SAMHSA's best practices including the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) model for youth
- ▶ This program guide will be used to statewide standards
- ▶ These standards will include
  - ▶ Addressing equity
  - ▶ Program requirements
  - ▶ Clinical considerations
  - ▶ Safety practices
  - ▶ Addressing equity

# Barriers and Gaps in Youth Mobile Crisis

## Current barriers

- ▶ Procuring teams and training them in the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) model including developmentally appropriate crisis interventions
- ▶ Ensure 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifelines (NSPLs) understand that for families, in-person response is key to build trust
- ▶ Schools, primary care providers and current providers shift to in-home model and refer to youth teams
- ▶ Emergency Department and LE referral to youth teams first instead of Designated Crisis Responder

## Future State and Items for Consideration

- ▶ Funding needed for more teams in every region to build to capacity
- ▶ Funding needed to ensure all youth and families get access to the in-home stabilization phase regardless of payer
- ▶ Coaching teams in outreach and engagement efforts
- ▶ Developing and delivering developmentally appropriate training

# Equitable access to services

Expanding services to reach all of Washington

# How is HCA distributing funds?

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- ▶ Utilized the Crisis Now Calculator
- ▶ The calculator considers population, population density, and time to respond, but this is a first step to equitable access.
- ▶ To ensure there is equitable access across Washington, there are still challenges to address. Some of which are:
  - ▶ Rural/Agriculture areas
  - ▶ Response times
  - ▶ The type of response
  - ▶ Who should respond – culturally appropriate, community trust, etc.
  - ▶ Accessible services and services for those with co-occurring medical conditions

# Mobile Crisis Response

## 2021 Legislative Investments

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- ▶ Funding from the Biennium Operating Budget SB 5092
  - ▶ (54) \$250,000 to provide crisis response training to peer specialists
  - ▶ (65) \$25,848,000 for increasing mobile crisis team availability and ensuring there is at least 1 adult and 1 youth team in each region.
- ▶ HCA added 6 adult teams, defined as 11 team members
  - ▶ 1 MHP supervisor
  - ▶ 5 clinicians
  - ▶ 5 peers
- ▶ HCA distributed funding for 6 youth teams
- ▶ HCA added 3.5 adult team enhancements, that were either half of an 11-member team or a full 11-member team, to be added to current Mobile Crisis Response resources in the region.

# Current Youth Teams and Expansion Teams

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North Sound

Salish

Great Rivers

Existing Youth Teams: 😊

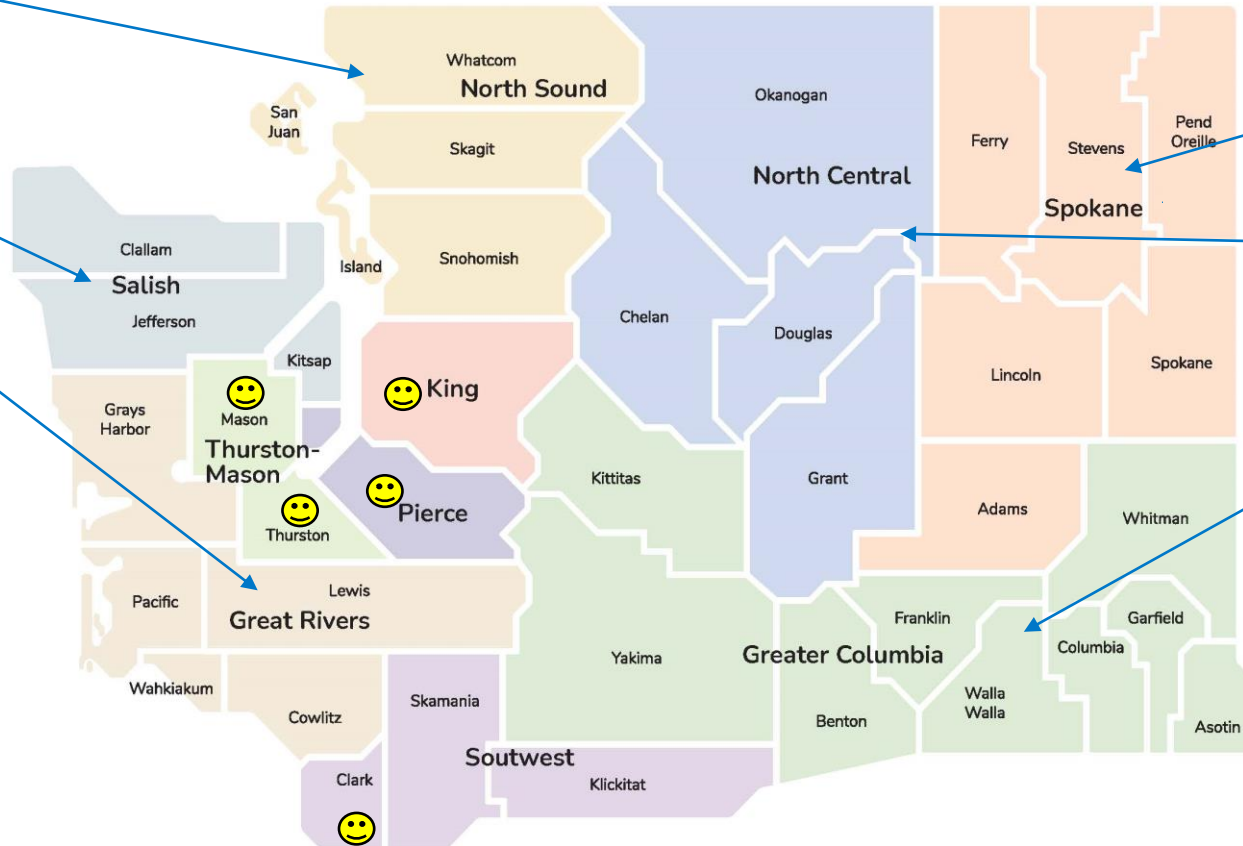
King

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Thurston/Mason

Southwest - 0.5

enhancement



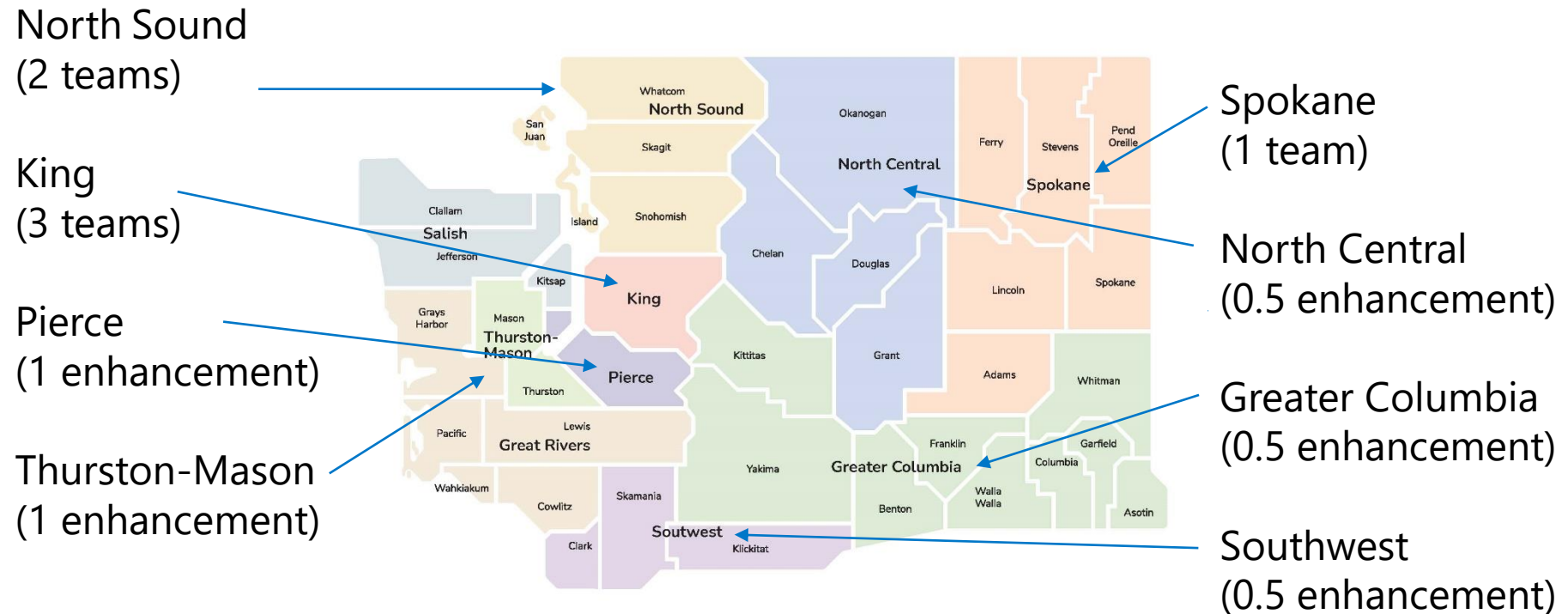
Spokane

North Central

Greater Columbia

# BH-ASO Adult Mobile Crisis Response expansion by Region

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# Key questions and considerations

Where we need you



# Key Questions

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## Seeking lived experience perspectives regarding how to improve Washington's mobile crisis response:

- ▶ What are the essential training, education, and credentials for staff?
- ▶ How can we address workforce shortages?
- ▶ What recommendations should we consider to fund services so that they are always available when needed?
- ▶ How do we ensure response is available across the state in a timely manner? How do we define timely?
- ▶ How do we ensure the right response is sent out? How do we ensure an individual in crisis receives the same level of care anywhere in the state?
- ▶ How do we make services safe, stigma free, and utilized by people across the state?
- ▶ How do we ensure facilities can safely meet medical needs while also being low-barrier and responsive?
- ▶ How do we incorporate peers in crisis and ensure anyone can be served by them regardless of insurance?

# Potential Solutions

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- ▶ Fund mobile crisis services as a public service similar to police, public health, and emergency services.
- ▶ Develop a new 24-month certificate program for behavioral health crisis responders.
- ▶ Build teams utilizing staff from the local community who are familiar with the local culture and needs.
- ▶ Separate, as much as possible, Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) and Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) services and approach crises statewide from an MCR first model.



# Questions?

Thank you for listening

## Contact information

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▶ [Information about the CRIS Committee](#)

▶ [More information about 988](#)

▶ [SAMHSA best practice toolkit](#)

▶ [Tribal Hub](#)

# MRSS links to other states best practices

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Connecticut MRSS model

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hLaTdP2ijl&t=24s>

New Jersey and Nevada MRSS Power point

<https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/media/ssw/institute/training-institutes-2018/presentation-notes/Institute-No.-7-Notes.pdf>

University of Maryland, CT and NJ MRSS

[https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Documents/2021/0824/MSDEPresentation.MRSS.08192021\(Access\).pdf](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Documents/2021/0824/MSDEPresentation.MRSS.08192021(Access).pdf)

# CRIS AND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

# CRIS Committee Decision Process Map – 2022

**February 2022**  
(Workplan and Roles)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Feedback on Initial Assessment.
- ✓ Development of High Level Workplan to frame overall objectives for work ahead.
- ✓ Understanding of committee and state agencies roles.

**March 2022**  
(Centering Equity)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Identify tangible actions to center equity in the High Level Workplan.

**May 2022** (Vision & Guiding Principles)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Adopt vision and guiding principles for Washington's behavioral health crisis response system.

**July 2022** (Crisis Service Gaps & Goals)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Recommend expanded and/or new crisis system services to achieve Washington's vision based on understanding of current services in Washington and crisis system best practices.

**September 2022**  
(Roadmap and Budget)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Articulate roadmap to achieve the vision for Washington's crisis response system.
- ✓ Inform process to develop budget recommendations.
- ✓ Review Section 109 Technical and Operational Plan (Tech/Op Plan).

**November 2022** (Draft Progress Report)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Review and provide input on draft January 2023 Progress Report – 1) Vision, 2) Equity, 3) Services, 4) System Interfaces, 5) Staffing/Workforce, 6) Funding, 7) Technology (Tech/Op plan).

**December 2022** (Final Progress Report)

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Review final January 2023 Progress Report.



## CRIS Committee – Recommendations Overview

- **The CRIS Committee and Subcommittees are charged with advising the Steering Committee in developing recommendations, including, but not limited to:**
- 1. Vision:** *Recommendations vision for Washington’s crisis response and suicide prevention system.*
  - 2. Equity:** *Recommendations to promote equity in services for individuals of diverse circumstances of culture, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and for individuals in tribal, urban, and rural communities.*
  - 3. Service Goals:**
    - *Develop an inventory of existing statewide and regional behavioral health crisis response, suicide prevention, and crisis stabilization services and resources.*
    - *Identify quantifiable goals for the provision of statewide and regional behavioral health crisis services and targeted deployment of resources.*
    - *Develop a plan for the statewide equitable distribution of crisis stabilization services, behavioral health beds, and peer-run respite services.*
  - 4. Cross system interactions:** *examine and define complementary roles and interactions for broad range of entities involved in the crisis system.*
  - 5. Staffing/Workforce:** *Make recommendations related to workforce needs by region, including staff education and training requirements for call center Hubs.*
  - 6. Funding/ Cost Estimates:** *Cost estimates for each of the components of the integrated behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system. This will inform budget needs and recommendations.*
  - 7. Technology:** *advise on the technology and platform needed to manage and operate the behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system (Section 109 Technical and Operational Plan).*



## HB 1477 Committee and Subcommittee Meetings - Overview

Meeting Dates	Subcommittees & Charges
4/14, 6/23 7/28	<b>Rural &amp; Agricultural Communities Subcommittee</b> <i>(provide rural and agricultural perspectives into development of system recommendations)</i>
3/21, 4/18, 6/7 7/13, 8/15	<b>Lived Experience Subcommittee</b> <i>(provide lived experience perspectives into development of system recommendations)</i>
4/20, 5/18, 6/15 7/21	<b>Tribal 988 Subcommittee &amp; Roundtables</b> <i>(provide lived experience perspectives into development of system recommendations)</i>
4/20, 6/28 8/23	<b>Confidential Information Compliance &amp; Coordination Subcommittee</b> <i>(examine and advise on issues related to sharing and protection of health information)</i>
4/21, 6/22 7/27	<b>Credentialing and Training Subcommittee</b> <i>(Inform workforce needs and requirements needed to support Washington's system)</i>
3/21, 4/25, 5/23, 6/22 7/18	<b>Technology Subcommittee</b> <i>(HB 1477 Technical and Operational Plan review)</i>
3/17, 6/21 8/17	<b>Cross System Collaboration Subcommittee</b> <i>(Inform development of cross-system intersections and coordination /system process map)</i>

### HB 1477

- The CRIS Committee and Subcommittees are charged with advising the Steering Committee in developing recommendations for an integrated behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system, including:

*“Recommendations to promote equity in services for individuals of diverse circumstances of culture, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and for individuals in tribal, urban, and rural communities.”*

- The CRIS High-Level Workplan provides an organizing framework to ensure the full continuum of crisis response.
  - **Objective 1:** A place to contact – NSPL call centers
  - **Objective 2:** Someone to come – Mobile crisis rapid response teams
  - **Objective 3:** A place to go – Broad range of crisis stabilization services
  - **Objective 4:** Pre- and Post-Crisis Care – Immediately upstream and downstream of crisis events
  - **Objective 5:** Crisis system infrastructure and oversight
  
- The CRIS Committee and all subcommittee are providing input into ways to embed equity into the High-Level Workplan.
  - Request for Subcommittee members to submit recommendations via email to Nicola Pinson ([npinson@healthmanagement.com](mailto:npinson@healthmanagement.com))

# WRAP UP & NEXT STEPS

Next Meeting Date: August 15, 5-7pm