

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER(S)

1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY,
2 MISSOURI, COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN
3 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMPASS HEALTH, INC. A
4 MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO
5 ARE HIGH UTILIZERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, ASSESS
6 NEEDS, COORDINATE CARE, AND ASSURE LINKAGE TO ONGOING
7 SERVICES AND SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE
8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS OR
9 CONTRACTS TO EFFECTUATE THE MEMORANDUM OF
10 UNDERSTANDING.

11 WHEREAS, Across the state of Missouri, health care professionals recognized an
12 increase in patients seeking help for psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many times these individuals are uninsured or underinsured and end
15 up in hospital emergency rooms where they are stabilized and released without being
16 referred for the services they need for follow up care and as a result they may end up
17 returning to the Emergency Room for additional treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, to address this service gap, the Missouri Department of Mental
19 Health provides funding to provide Emergency Room Enhancement (ERE) in all 114 of
20 Missouri's counties serving 100% of Missourians; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the primary goals of Emergency Room Enhancement is to prevent
2 repeated Emergency Room visits and hospitalizations as well as to decrease rates of those
3 unhoused, unemployed and those involved with law enforcement; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Compass Health is a nonprofit health organization that is a Federally
5 Qualified Health Center and a Community Mental Health Center that provides primary
6 health care, dental, and behavioral health services in various regions of Missouri; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, organized under the Missouri
8 Department of Public Safety and the Jefferson County Charter operates to maintain and
9 manage the safety and affairs of the unincorporated portions of Jefferson County; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Compass Health is the recipient of a grant from the Missouri
11 Department of Mental Health to participate in the Emergency Room Enhancement
12 Program; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, a department of the
14 County, routinely encounters individuals who suffer from psychiatric conditions and
15 substance use disorders; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department has the ability to identify
17 those individuals, who are often uninsured or underinsured and end up in hospital
18 emergency rooms where they are stabilized and released without being referred for
19 services; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Compass Health through the grant provided by the Missouri
21 Department of Mental Health will employ an individual who will be able to assess those
22 individuals in need of service as to their eligibility and level of service required; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the individual employed by Compass Health will then be able to assist
2 and follow up with the individual regarding care and treatment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Section 3.4.2.36 of the Home Rule Charter of Jefferson County,
4 Missouri empowers the County to enact and adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and
5 regulations that are necessary or appropriate to the exercise of any the foregoing powers;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Jefferson County and Compass Health have determined that it is in
8 the best interest of the citizens of Jefferson County to enter into the attached memorandum
9 of understanding to participate in the Emergency Room Enhancement Program to address
10 the needs of individuals who are underinsured or uninsured to ensure those individuals
11 receive adequate and appropriate follow up care; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department recommends the
13 execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with Compass Health.

14 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL,**
15 **AS FOLLOWS:**

16 Section 1. The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council hereby authorizes the
17 County Executive to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, incorporated herein by
18 reference and attached as Exhibit A subject to budgetary limitations.

19 Section 2. The County Executive is further authorized to take any and all
20 actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

21 Section 3. Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding and any other
22 contracts or agreements associated therewith shall be maintained by the Department of the

1 County Clerk consistent with the rules and procedures for the maintenance and retention
2 of records as promulgated by the Secretary of State.

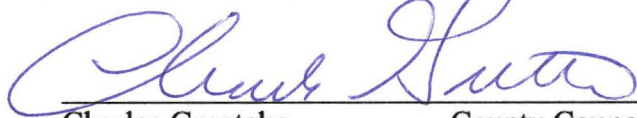
3 Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full effect from and after the date of its
4 enactment and passage. If any part of this Ordinance is invalid for any reason, such
5 invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

**THIS ORDINANCE BEING DULY INTRODUCED, THE MEMBERS OF
THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Council Member District 1, Brian Haskins	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 2, Gene F. Barbagallo	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 3, Lori Arons	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 4, Charles Groeteke	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 5, Scott Seek	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 6, Daniel Stallman	<u>yes</u>
Council Member District 7, Bob Tullock	<u>yes</u>

THE ABOVE BILL ON THIS 22 DAY OF July, 2024.

PASSED FAILED



Charles Groeteke, County Council Chair



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THIS BILL WAS ✓ APPROVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND ENACTED AS AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, THIS 20 DAY OF July, 2024.

THIS BILL WAS _____ VETOED AND RETURNED TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL WITH WRITTEN OBJECTIONS BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Dennis J. Gannon
Dennis J. Gannon, Jefferson County, Missouri, Executive

ATTEST:

Jeannie Goff
Jeannie Goff, County Clerk

BY: Shelley Blankenship
Deputy Clerk

Reading Date: 7-22-2024



ORDINANCE NO.

24-0299

EXHIBIT

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR Jefferson County Sheriff's Office**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into on this 1st day of August 2024, by and between Compass Health, Inc., a Missouri nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), organized under the laws of the State of Missouri.

WHEREAS, Across the state of Missouri, health care professionals recognized an increase in patients seeking help for psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS many times these individuals are uninsured or underinsured and end up in hospital emergency rooms where they are stabilized and released without being referred for the services they need for follow up care and as a result they may end up returning to the Emergency Room for additional treatment; and

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partnering will enable officers to quickly identify consumers who present with persistent behavioral health issues and frequent law enforcement contacts; and

WHEREAS, by working together, police officers will be able to call Compass Health staff to refer these consumers for expedited assessment and linkage to the Emergency Room Enhancement Program; and

The Parties Agree to the Following:

1. Compass Health Obligations:

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- B. Assess individuals referred by JCSO, and link to appropriate resources and services.
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- D. Collect and enter data points to track progress, identify barriers and adjust when needed.
- E. Staff will share relevant data with JCSO to ensure partnership is as impactful as intended.
- F. Maintain documentation as required and entered in a timely manner.
- G. Establish, convene and coordinate planning and partnership meetings to ensure all participating agencies are aligned, troubleshoot barriers and address systemic issues.

2. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Obligations:

- A. Attend and participate in discussions to assist with troubleshooting barriers and address systemic issues.
 - B. Share information with Compass Health for the purposes of referring individuals to services and outcomes for this partnership.
 - C. Coordinate training opportunities for participating agencies on topics appropriate to the projects.
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3. Notice. Notices given to either party shall be made in written form, and shall be considered delivered if sent via U.S. Postal Service to:

To Compass Health:
Attn:
_ Jamie Manning _____
_ 1032 Crosswinds Ct. _
_ Wentzville, MO 63385

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office:
Attn:
Sheriff David L Marshak
400 First Street
PO Box 100
Hillsboro MO 63050

AND

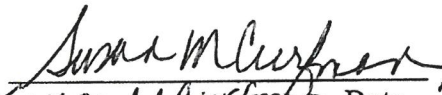
Attn: Legal Department
3515 Amazonas Dr. 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109

4. Term and Termination. The term of this MOU will be for a period of one year beginning on the above date and continue on successive one-year renewals unless terminated by either party provided herein. Either party may terminate this MOU with or without cause upon providing sixty (60) days advanced written notice to the other party at the address set forth herein. In addition, this MOU may be changed and modified if amendments are agreeable to both Compass Health and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, are made in writing, and are signed by both parties.

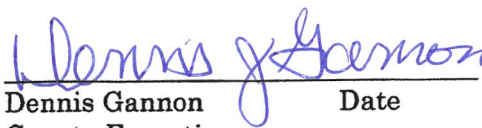
5. Non-Viability. This MOU applies to successors and assigns. Should at any time during this grant cycle funding is withdrawn by the Department of Mental Health, the program is not meeting the objectives of the grant, the parties agree the grant is not meeting the needs of either party or the community, this MOU can be terminated with a 30-day notice by either party. This termination must occur in writing.



David L. Marshak Date 7-26-24
Jefferson County Sheriff
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department



Susan M Curtman Date 7/29/24
Sr. VP Regional Corporate Services
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Dennis Gannon Date 7/30/24
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