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Keynote panel

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2023-2024

Legislative Session
and Co-Response





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HB 2245

Co-Response definition and workforce development (did not pass)

Proviso

Funding UW for training, expanded conference and training

\$806,000 - of general fund-state appropriations for fiscal year 2025 is provided to the UW School of Social Work **to develop curriculum for, to pilot, and to evaluate a crisis response training academy for teams of first responders and mental health professionals** in three regions inclusive of planning for a certificate program. Funding is also provided for **an expansion of the crisis response system conference** and, for a non-profit focused on organizing co-response programs statewide to **pilot a peer-to-peer support program for mental health responders on first response teams**. Funding will develop an updated landscape analysis of the current co-response workforce and will make recommendations for workforce development for crisis responders partnering with schools of higher education, providers, and first-response agencies statewide.



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HB 2088

Improved liability protection for outreach teams deployed via both 988 and 911



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Proviso

Insurance billing for Crisis Services

-new language directing the Health Care Authority to explore billing options for co-response (adds to earlier proviso)

(b) Within these amounts, the health care authority shall convene representatives from medicaid managed care organizations, behavioral health administrative organizations, private insurance carriers, self-insured organizations, crisis providers, and the office of the insurance commissioner to assess gaps in the current funding model **for crisis and co-response services** and recommend options for addressing these gaps including, but not limited to, an alternative funding model **for crisis and co-response services**.

The assessment must consider available data to determine to what extent the costs of crisis and co-response services for clients of private insurance carriers, medicaid managed care organizations, and individuals enrolled in medicaid fee-for-service are being subsidized through state funded behavioral health administrative services organization contracts....

...The authority must submit a preliminary report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023, and a final report by December 1, 2024.