

Council Legislative & Local Affairs Committee

DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - TIME: 4:03 PM

PLACE: City Hall Conference Room - 210 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT

Committee Attendance:

Kendra Shaw – Ward 1; Roy Neese – Ward 2; Denise Joy – Ward 3; Mike Boyett – Ward 5

Staff: Chief Valdez and Chief Banfield

Public: Dan Brooks-Billings Chamber of Commerce

Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Public comment is limited to three minutes or as set by the presiding officer. Please sign in on the roster provided Comments are to be directed to agenda items and items within the scope of this committee **No public Comment**

TOPIC # 1

Chief Banfield - update on CRU/MRT funding and legislative needs

NOTES / OUTCOME:

The total conversation revolved on Medicaid reimbursements. Assistant Chief Banfield presented and answered questions regarding our Crisis Response Teams (CRU's). The system is currently being funded through a combination of local funds, federal/state grants (2 yrs) and our partnership with Rimrock. The CRU's have done a lot in the short time in service and the Chief did recommend that we the city add an additional unit in the future. However, the assumption is that in order to be sustainable we will need Medicaid reimbursements to reimburse us for legitimate medical services we are now providing at the local level. He also said they are looking into billing insurance companies for car accidents and medical facilities for helping with patients. The only billing that is not allowed is in the fighting of fires. The CRU has received approximately 700 calls since Oct 2nd of 2023. They have averaged 45 per call with a response time of 17 minutes of travel. About half of the calls have come from the PD.

TOPIC # 4	Moving June meeting
NOTES / OUTCOME:	We will move the June 12 th meeting to June 19 th .

TOPIC # 5 -	<u>Ongoing business:</u> Legislative priorities Legislators to invite to committee Future Agenda topics
NOTES / OUTCOME:	We will invite our legislators to our meetings in the future.

Public Comment	
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