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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

May 10, 2021

The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke,

This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers during the FY22 Council Budget Hearings scheduled for March 10, 2021 for the Managing Director's Office. At this hearing, the following questions were asked:

Councilmember Kendra Brooks: Who is the team leading the 911 Triage/Co-Responder effort?

The 911 Triage/Co-Responder effort is led by the Managing Director's Office working jointly with various agencies and departments citywide. Please see below.

Co-Responder Steering Committee & Executive Team

MDO – CJPS:

- Erica Atwood, Senior Director for Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- Rachael Eisenberg – Director, Office of Criminal Justice
- Kurtis August, Deputy Director of Diversion and Deflection, Office of Criminal Justice
- Monika Witt, Stepping Up Project Manager, MDO
- Ryan Fisher, Data Manager, Office of Criminal Justice
- Shebani Rao, Racial Equity Strategist, Office of Criminal Justice
- Albert Bandy, Community Engagement & Communication Manager

Philadelphia Police Department (PPD):

- Joel Dales, Deputy Police Commissioner, PPD
- Inspector Fran Healy – Special Advisor to the Police Commissioner
- Blake Norton, Chief Strategist, PPD
- Dennis Wilson, Chief Inspector, PPD
- Captain Edward Appleton- Police Captain PPD



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Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS):

- Dr. Jill Bowen, Commissioner, DBHIDS
- Dr. Jean Wright, Director, Behavioral Health and Justice Related Services, DBHIDS
- Dr. Sosunmolu Shoyinka, Chief Medical Officer, DBHIDS
- Dave Ayers, Criminal Justice Project Manager, DBHIDS
- Serge Levin, Emergency Services Coordinator, DBHIDS
- Shaakira Gillette, Forensic Supervisor, Police-Based Initiatives, DBHIDS
- Kate Reed, Stepping Up Initiative Supervisor, DBHIDS
- Jennifer Bierhoff, Stepping Up Initiative Coordinator, DBHIDS
- Christy Giallella, Clinical Forensic Manager, DBHIDS

Philadelphia Fire Department:

- Crystal Yates, Deputy Fire Commissioner - EMS, Fire
- Dr. Crawford Mechem, EMS Medical Director, Fire

Community Advisory Commissions (CAC):

- Eric Marsh- Community Advisory Committee Member
- Margaret Robertson- Community Advisory Committee Member

- **Councilmember Kendra Brooks: How is the \$6 million for 911 Triage/Co-Responder in the MDO budget being spent?**

Table One below shows a breakdown of funding for the 911 triage/co-responder efforts in the FY22 MDO budget.

Table One: Breakdown of the 911 Triage/Co-Responder MDO FY22 Budget:

DBHIDS Staff for 911 Triage (11 FTE)	\$760,000
MDO Data Integration Staff (1 FTE)	\$95,000
Co-Responder Team (Merakey)	\$2,325,179
Co-responder Team (Provider TBD)	\$2,325,179
DBHIDS Training & Equipment	\$38,560
PPD Equipment & Vehicles	\$460,000
TOTAL	\$6,003,918

Please reach out to my office for further questions.

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Managing Director, City of Philadelphia