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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion of letter from Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force to State legislators on funding of Crisis Stabilization Center and establishing the Center as a State pilot program for diversion

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

On March 15, the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force approved drafting a letter of support from the Task Force to State legislators regarding establishing the Crisis Stabilization Center as a state pilot program for diversion from arrest and incarceration, and to request \$200,000 per year in operational funding.

Health Dept. Human Services Manager Anne Deacon is currently working with State legislators on a request for funding and pilot program designation. Ms. Deacon asked that this letter of support from the IPRTF be prepared and ready to send only in the event that it becomes necessary to demonstrate local support for the request.

Per WCC 2.46.030, the IPRTF makes “recommendations to the county council, executive, and other appropriate officials.” This agenda item is to notify the County Council and Executive of the IPRTF recommendation to send a letter of support.