



## RESOLUTION NO. 39088

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with MultiCare  
2 Behavioral Health & Outreach Services, in the amount of \$319,462,  
3 budgeted from the Mental Health Chemical Dependency Fund, for the  
4 provision of two mental health professionals, supervision, education, and  
indirect administrative costs related to jail and hospital diversion services,  
for the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

5 WHEREAS, on May 8, 2012, Council adopted Resolution No. 38483,  
6 approving an Implementation Plan directing the use of tax revenues collected  
7 pursuant to Sections 6A.70.045 and 6A.70.046 of the Tacoma Municipal Code,  
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9 and

10 WHEREAS the Implementation Plan establishes five priority funding goals,  
11 the first of which is to reduce costly interventions, and

12 WHEREAS jail and hospital diversion is one of the most effective methods  
13 for reducing costly public intervention of police and emergency support services,  
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16 WHEREAS, for two years, Neighborhood and Community Services (“NCS”)  
17 has been working on the development and implementation of a police  
18 co-responder program, where mental health professionals will be embedded within  
19 the police department and respond to calls for service when officers identify that  
20 mental health professional assistance would best serve the interests of the  
21 community, and

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23 WHEREAS the City Manager’s 2014 Goals call for staff to implement a  
24 Mental Health Co-Responder Program in the Tacoma Police Department (“TPD”)  
25 as a means to partner with mental health professionals to efficiently and  
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1 appropriately deal with citizens that police officers identify as needing mental  
2 health services, and

3 WHEREAS staff is recommending adoption of a contract with MultiCare  
4 Behavioral Health & Outreach Services ("MultiCare") to provide such support  
5 services to TPD in fulfillment of the City's goal of jail and hospital diversion, funded  
6 through the City's .1% Mental Health Chemical Dependency ("MHCD") Sales Tax,  
7 and

8 WHEREAS direct solicitation for professional services may be authorized by  
9 the City Manager when in the best interests of the City, and

10 WHEREAS, historically, the City has entered into direct funding for human  
11 or social services when it meets the best interests of the City, and

12 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2014, NCS and TPD staff made a joint presentation  
13 before the Public Safety Human Services and Education Committee, seeking  
14 support for the collaboration effort to launch a co-responder program utilizing the  
15 services of MultiCare and MHCD Sales Tax funding, and is now coming before the  
16 City Council for its consideration; Now, Therefore,

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19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

20 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an  
21 agreement with MultiCare Behavioral Health & Outreach Services, in the amount of  
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January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, said agreement to be substantially  
in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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City Attorney