

# CAHOOTS PROGRAM

## (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets)

- Cahoots provides support to Eugene Police Department personnel by responding to social services calls to include crisis counseling. The team initiates contact and completes the transportation for intoxicated persons, individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, or a disoriented person.
- The City of Eugene, Oregon entered into an agreement with White Bird Clinic to staff and administer the program. The FY19 budget allocated \$1,041,953 for the program and \$122,696 for fleet costs.
- Cahoots provides 24/7 coverage in the City of Eugene.

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## (Scope of Services)

- Persons who are intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance (when no weapons or violence is involved)
- Persons needing immediate care, custody, or treatment of mental illness (when no weapons or violence is involved)
- Assisting the public with emergency shelter resources
- Welfare checks (when no crime is suspected)
- Requests for non-emergency medical evaluation and transports, including prescription drug refill transport, and transportation to doctor's appointments
- Delivering emergency or death notifications
- Transporting juveniles from juvenile justice center to youth shelter

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## (Scope of Services)

- If there is any indication of violence or weapons, then the CAHOOTS Team cannot respond.
- Any time a request for service involves a crime, a potentially hostile person, a potentially dangerous situation (to the subject or the public in general), or an emergency medical problem the call is referred to Eugene Police or Fire Department.
- Calls for service exceed the level of service provided by a police department, but model the upstream approach to mental health services.

# Steps to accomplishing this goal

- Meeting with community mental health stakeholders
- Working to establish agreement with White Bird Clinic (CAHOOTS)
- Seeking support through Police-Mental Health Collaboration program
- Seeking community feedback on the needs
- Identified two local non-profit organizations with the capacity and trained staff members to participate in our program

# Model for Response to Mental Illness and Homelessness

- Key partners in development of response team:
  - Buckelew Programs (Mental Health)
  - Catholic Charities (Homeless Outreach)
  - Santa Rosa Fire Department (Medical Response)

## Next Steps:

- Working to establish budget and seeking funding sources including available grants and private funding opportunities
- Developing training and identifying equipment needs for the team
- Protocol and policy development for dispatching calls for service
- Rolling the team out in phases as we build the capacity
- Community education and engagement
- Working with other partners across the county with the vision of seeing this team expand throughout the county

# Resources Already in Place

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**QUESTIONS?**