

Subject: Presentation on the Embedded Social Worker Program

Meeting Date: August 8, 2022	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police	
Action Type	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Informational presentation	
Background	
<p>The cities of West St. Paul and South St. Paul were the first in Dakota County to partner with Dakota County Social Services to have an embedded social worker in the police departments to address the follow up care of individuals with mental health issues. So many of our residents have used 911, police and EMS resources in order to obtain mental health resources at a time of crisis. Understanding the long term needs of these individuals and providing adequate resources does and has reduced the calls for service on our police and EMS responses. We need to find ways to help these individuals before the crisis occurs.</p> <p>Tonight Emily Schug the Deputy Director of Social Services will be present and provide the council and community an update to the Embedded Social Worker Program.</p> <p>Additionally, at the regular council meeting on the consent agenda is a request for authorization to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County for the Embedded Social Worker Program. We have had JPA's in the past, but it was for a pilot program and now we are moving into a more permanent program.</p>	
Attachments	
Power Point	
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