

## Legislation Text

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### **Item Description:**

Amd 1 to Agmt A2211212 Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Bloomington to expand the Restorative Court program, 06/01/22-12/31/26

### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Joint Powers Agreement A2211212 with the City of Bloomington to expand the Restorative Court program where Human Services and Public Health Department provides an additional mental health professional to serve participants and extends the period through December 31, 2026 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the County.

### **Background:**

Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) has a well-established and successful Restorative Court in the City of Minneapolis and has expanded to include other cities. The City of Bloomington has worked with HSPHD to launch a Restorative Court, that began June 1, 2022. This Amendment supports the addition of a senior social worker and extends the end date to December 31, 2026.

The purpose of the Restorative Court is to employ a holistic justice model to restore individuals to good health and promote law abiding behavior. Participation is voluntarily. The mental health social worker provides triage, assessment, and connection to services and supports that address the participant's mental health, substance use, and social determinants of health. Participants who actively participate in Restorative Court may result in a favorable outcome, including and up to reducing or resolving the charges, in addition to the enhanced stability and functioning for the individual. Recent outcomes of the model show that among 112 participants, 95% did not recidivate.

### **Disparity Reduction:**

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person has opportunities to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval