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Hi Members of the CCEC,

I think it's important to keep in mind, when comparing the 53 minute/call average of the CARES team compared to the longer call-time average with MPD that Assist. Chief Stedman pointed out, that MPD's average is significantly influenced by the Chapter 51, emergency detentions/involuntary commitments they are required to perform, frequently necessitating a trip to Winnebago Health Institute in Oshkosh (requiring around 8-10 hours on average, for two officers). Even when those calls can be handled locally, there are significant wait times at hospitals for MPD officers.

It's important to note that the CARES team will not be able to respond to calls of this nature at all, by state statute. I just wanted to point that out and also to take the opportunity to ask you to carefully consider the funding for the CARES expansion as we move into the future. I think the Pilot shows there is some promise, and everyone wants this to succeed, but it is also demonstrating why MPD is not a good source of funding for this work. Perhaps it would be worth considering funding CARES in the way its model, CAHOOTS, is funded: through private donations. I think that would work well here in Madison and there is a great appetite for it here.

Thank you,

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