

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

DATE: October 21, 2024

TO: Human Services Commission Members

FROM: Ruth Blaw, Human Services Manager  
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Overview of King County Crisis Care Centers Levy

## **Background**

The Crisis Care Centers initiative, approved by King County voters in April 2023, begins implementation in 2024 to create a countywide network of five crisis care centers, restore and expand mental health residential treatment beds, and strengthen the community behavioral health workforce. One crisis care center will be sited in each of the 4 crisis response zones and 1 youth crisis care center will be placed somewhere in the County.

The nine-year levy also aims to promote continuity of care by linking 988, mobile crisis teams, and other behavioral health resources to support people's recovery.

Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services, Toni Esparza, will provide data on behavioral health needs and additional details about the Crisis Care Centers Initiative.