

## **Mental Health Crisis Response**

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This project involves the development a detailed proposal for a Mental Health Crisis Response Centre. The centre would provide a 24-hour, 7-day/week service for mental health clients currently seen in the city Emergency Departments. The goal is a plan for a setting of care that interfaces with medical services but is not in an Emergency Department. It would provide the central point of access to crisis services. Its function would include medical and mental health screening, assessment, crisis intervention with linkages to Transitional Housing services and specialized assessment and support services. It would also provide the base for the Mobile Outreach Service and Brief Treatment Team (currently under development).