

Regional Crisis Response Agency

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RADAR → RCR

2017. RADAR
Launched in
Shoreline

2019. RADAR ILA signed
between Shoreline, Kenmore,
Lake Forest Park & Bothell

2020. Full-Time
Program Manager
Hired

2022. RADAR cities' staff
collaborate to expand
program

2023. RCR ILA
signed

WHEREAS, the Formation Principals are committed to improving outcomes and services to community members experiencing crisis through a variety of programs and finding ways to reduce the potential of use of force by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Formation Principals have been members of the North Sound Regional Navigators, a grant-funded regional "co-response" pilot program (the "RADAR Program") that pairs a contracted mental health professional with law enforcement to provide crisis de-escalation, reduce use of force, and improve outcomes for community members in behavioral health crisis, through an interlocal agreement among the Formation Principals dated as of May 2019 (the "2019 Agreement"); and

WHEREAS the City of Kirkland created a Community Safety Initiative in 2017 to address "community responders" to respond to calls from people in crisis with underlying behavioral health conditions (the "Kirkland Community Responder Program")

WHEREAS, in early 2022, the Formation Principals determined to explore the potential benefits of a regional mobile crisis response entity, recognizing the potential benefits of the RADAR Program and the Kirkland Community Responder Program in order to expand crisis response coverage in all Formation Principal jurisdiction and align these programs to city managers and/or elected officials with regional efforts by the north King County, among

Program Overview

- Shoreline, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Kirkland
- Behavioral health crisis and emergency response services
- De-escalation, resource referral, and follow -up
- In-progress 911 calls and follow up
- Interlocal Agreement in effect 1/1/23



2023 numbers

- 800+ people served during the first three quarters of 2023
- 2,000+ encounters
- 20-30% living homeless
- Roughly 70% White, 30% BIPOC



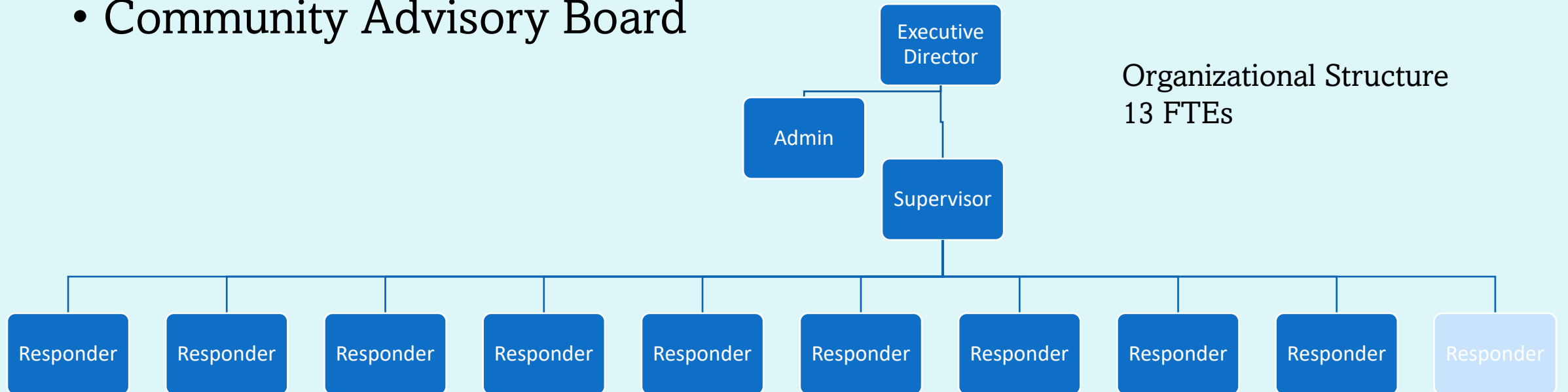
Results (from DCHS data)

- 67% reduction in adult jail bookings
- 60% reduction in behavioral health crisis events
- 4% reduction in all-cause Emergency Department visits
- 14% increase in publicly-funded behavioral health system enrollment



Governance structure

- Principals Assembly
- Executive Board
- Operations Board
- Community Advisory Board



Principals Assembly



Operations Board- Continuum of Crisis Care

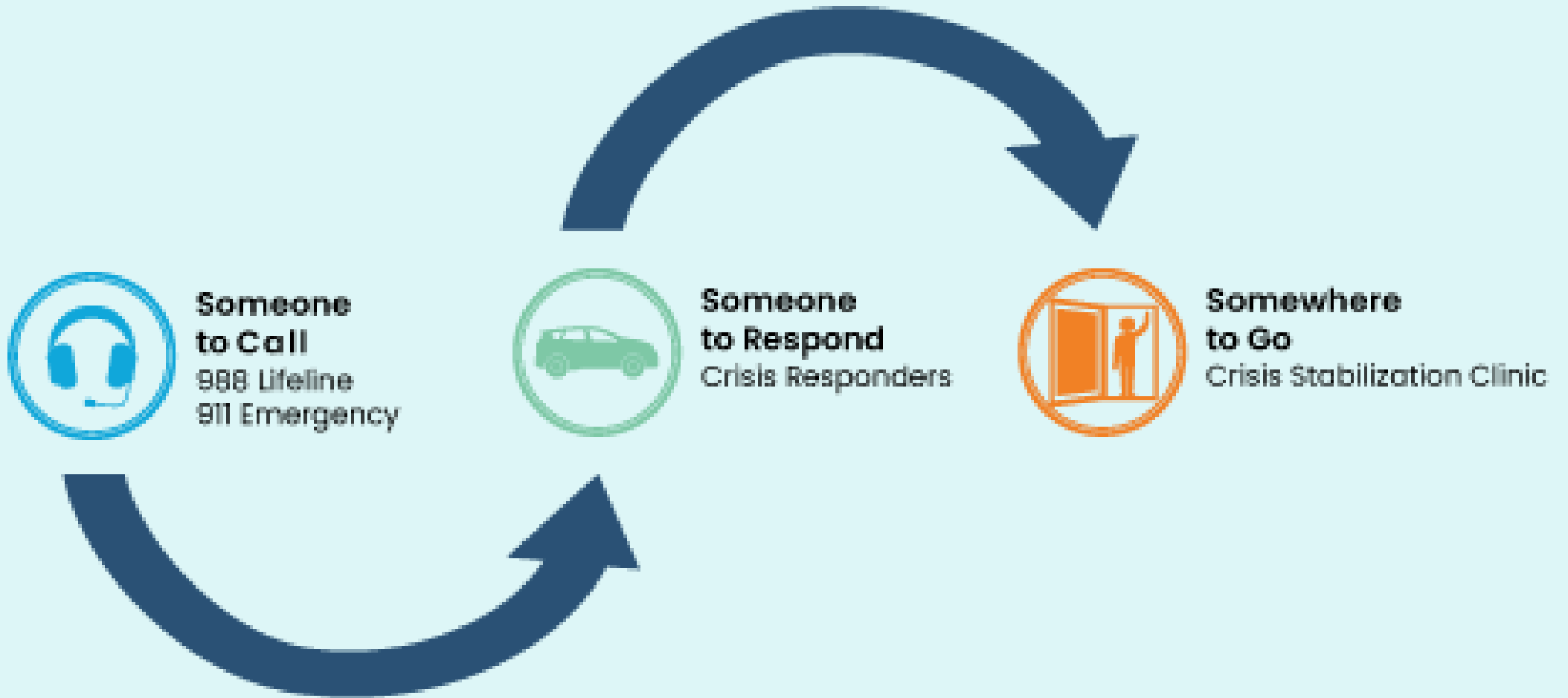


Community Advisory Group, Community Visioning



“Nothing about us, without us”

Becoming a **Crisis Now** Community



Crisis Triage Facility

- Connections Health WA
- Located in Kirkland
- Opening mid-2024



Questions?

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