

Item 3 – proposed Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation is partnering with Travis County and the City of Austin to manage and operate a Sobriety Center in downtown Austin, in part to connect individuals to opportunities for long term care, open a pathway to recovery instead of jail, and provide connections to treatment and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Travis County, when they entered into an agreement to jointly create a Sobriety Center, included in that agreement the commitment to utilize the entire building currently utilized by the Travis County Medical Examiner for Sobriety Center services and any future use deemed compatible with the purpose of the Sobriety Center;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) is working towards these same outcomes with multidisciplinary teams of public safety and health care representatives, responding to people experiencing homelessness, with the additional shared goals of building rapport to help support clients and identifying and closing gaps in the continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical overlap in HOST's work and the Sobriety Center's work, because many people experiencing homeless have sobriety challenges, and the Sobriety Center is a high-value location for HOST's work to connect with that portion of the homeless community that benefits from both entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Office of Innovation will receive funding this year from the Bloomberg Philanthropies for an Innovation Team that will further focus on supporting HOST and community collaboration with regard to ending homelessness , and

WHEREAS, the Sobriety Center will be housed on floors one and two of the three story building at 1213 Sabine Street, a county building located in the east downtown Innovation Zone, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOBRIETY CENTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION:

The Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation supports the co-location of the HOST program and Innovation Team on the third floor of the future Sobriety Center.