

WAC 182-140-0040 Application requirements for exempt community-based crisis teams. A community-based crisis team (CBCT) exempt from minimum personnel standards must submit the application described in WAC 182-140-0030(1) and:

(1) Policies and procedures that outline how the exempt CBCT will comply with the training requirements in WAC 182-140-0090;

(2) A memorandum of understanding with a licensed behavioral health agency (BHA) certified to provide crisis services and direct, real-time consultation through a behavioral health provider while the team is responding to a crisis call;

(3) A copy of the BHA's active contract with the behavioral health administrative services organization (BH-ASO) located in the region where the exempt CBCT will operate;

(4) A written plan describing how the responders will access the required real-time consultation with the behavioral health clinicians, which includes:

(a) The equipment to be used; and

(b) How the consultation will be documented and by which party.

(5) A staffing plan that identifies:

(a) How the exempt CBCT will be staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with an outline of when each position is available to respond; and

(b) Policies and procedures that describe how staff will respond safely and meet the time requirements in the regional dispatch protocols.

(6) Policies and procedures to ensure follow-up crisis services are provided after an initial response or a copy of a memorandum of understanding with a mobile rapid response crisis team (MRRCT) to provide follow-up crisis services. The memorandum of understanding must:

(a) Be with an MRRCT that is licensed and certified to provide crisis services that are clinically appropriate; and

(b) Contain clear guidelines on how and when the transfer of care will occur and the expectation to follow up within a defined set of time.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, and 71.24.903. WSR 24-18-088, § 182-140-0040, filed 8/30/24, effective 9/30/24.]