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A Local Law in relation to establishing crisis respite centers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Crisis respite centers. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “crisis respite center” means a community-based facility that is designed as an alternative to hospitalization for individuals in times of psychiatric crisis; offers voluntary, temporary stays; and provides access to peer support groups, psychoeducation, self-advocacy education, self-help training, and referrals to behavioral health professionals.

b. The mayor shall establish and maintain at least 4 new crisis respite centers, at least 2 of which shall be operational within 24 months after the effective date of this local law, and the remainder of which shall be operational within 36 months after the effective date of this local law. In establishing such centers, the mayor shall make best efforts to prioritize sites that can be converted or renovated into such centers.

c. No later than 6 months after the effective date of this local law, and quarterly thereafter until all crisis respite centers required by subdivision b of this section are operational, the mayor shall submit a report to the speaker of the council detailing the progress the mayor has made in securing sites for crisis respite centers and shall provide an update on the timeline for opening such centers as required by this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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