

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01-003R

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INTERFACE BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**WHEREAS**, a large fraction of individuals who come into contact with the criminal justice system enter into custody suffering from mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, often these conditions are undiagnosed and untreated, so the individual emerges from the contact with the criminal justice system, whether or not incarcerated, in as bad or worse condition than when he or she entered; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated and undiagnosed mental illness often results in criminal and other destructive behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, fundamental reform of criminal justice practices must necessarily involve, at a minimum, the cities of Urbana, Champaign and Champaign County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**Section 1.** When an individual comes into contact with the criminal justice system and is taken into custody, there should be an immediate mental health and substance abuse assessment available and, if the individual remains in custody, a more comprehensive follow-up.

**Section 2.** The further course of action of the criminal justice system in relation to an individual should take the mental health situation of an individual into account.

**Section 3.** There should be treatment if mental illness is diagnosed, regardless of the disposition of the legal aspects of the case.

**Section 4.** In order to achieve the above aims, the City of Urbana should make a firm commitment to provide \$200,000 per year to that end.

**Section 5.** The City of Urbana should take the initiative to enter into discussions with the City of Champaign and Champaign County to achieve the goal of integrating availability of mental health and substance abuse services with police action to provide for a more comprehensive approach to providing for public safety.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor