

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01-003R

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

WHEREAS, Untreated and undiagnosed mental illness often results in criminal and other destructive behavior, and

WHEREAS, Many people who come into contact with the criminal justice system enter into custody suffering from mental illness, and

WHEREAS, Over the period from 2011-2016 the number of Urbana police reports in the category "Health, Mental Health, and Wellness" has increased steadily year after year from 375 in 2011 to 725 in 2016, and

WHEREAS, Often mental illness is not diagnosed and not treated, so the individual emerges from the contact with the criminal justice system without adequately addressing the individual's mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, Fundamental reform of criminal justice practices must necessarily involve at a minimum the cities of Urbana and Champaign, and Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana has already invested significantly in Crisis Intervention Training for Urbana police officers, and

WHEREAS, Champaign County and local mental health providers are implementing a planning study under a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant to plan for optimum integration of justice and mental health functions, and

WHEREAS, the planning study will be followed by an application for an implementation grant,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The city of Urbana should commit to working with Champaign County, the City of Champaign, and other

municipalities to integrate mental health services with public safety activities according to a plan resulting from the planning grant and embodied in the implementation grant,

AND, this commitment will include financial resources commensurate with our responsibility to support our share of the proposed programs, and our responsibility to ensure the availability of mental health services to our residents.

AND, this commitment will be reflected in planning the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and

AND, ensuring adequate mental health services for residents of Urbana will be added to the Statement of Goals for Urbana

AND, We urge the State of Illinois to restore its share of funding for mental health service providers in our community and throughout Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor