1 2014 RES-361 2 STUDY AND DESIGN OF A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM PROGRAM DCDHS - ACS DIVISION 3 4 5 The Crisis Intervention Team model is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis 6 intervention with community, health care, and advocacy partnerships. The CIT model was first 7 developed in Memphis and has spread throughout the country. CIT provides law enforcement-8 based crisis intervention training for assisting those individuals with a mental illness, and 9 improves the safety of patrol officers, consumers, family members, and citizens within the 10 community. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction 11 between the criminal justice and mental health care system and creates the context for 12 sustainable change. CIT has three parts: 1) law enforcement, 2) community mental health 13 resources, and 3) advocacy groups. Collaboration among the three is essential for design and 14 implementation. 15 16 Fourteen officers and deputies from seven different law enforcement agencies completed 40 17 hours of CIT training in September 2014. This training was sponsored by NAMI Dane County, a 18 mental health advocacy group, and the Madison Police Department. This training will be 19 repeated in June 2015. 20 21 Consideration of implementing a Crisis Intervention Team model designed specifically for Dane 22 County is important because a) there is criminalization of people with mental illness in Dane 23 County as evidenced by the large number of people with mental illness in the Dane County Jail, 24 b) there are concerns about the recent deaths of people in mental health crises in recent events 25 involving law enforcement officers in Dane County, and c) there are barriers to treatment for 26 people in mental health crises in Dane County. 27 28 United Way of Dane County and NAMI Dane County jointly sponsored CIT summit meetings on 29 August 27 and September 9, 2014, to discuss mental health crises that compromise public 30 safety. Over twenty five community leaders from government, law enforcement, hospitals, 31 mental health providers and advocacy organizations participated. Objectives included: 1) 32 insuring the safety of people with mental illness, their families, law enforcement, and the 33 community, 2) developing a common understanding of the scope and dimension of mental 34 health issues in which law enforcement becomes involved to protect the public, and 3) 35 determining next steps to prevent negative results as a result of mental health crises. One of 36 the CIT summit action items was to create a Dane County Board of Supervisors resolution to

37 perform a cost/benefit analysis of providing mental health services to individuals with mental 38 health crises. 39 40 The county's Long Term Support Committee heard a presentation on Crisis Intervention Teams 41 at its July 2014 meeting and has discussed the CIT model at its subsequent meetings. On 42 October 15, 2014, the committee unanimously passed a motion supporting introduction of this 43 resolution. 44 45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors endorses 46 Crisis Intervention Team goals of improving officer and consumer safety and redirecting 47 individuals in mental health crises from the judicial system to the health care system; 48 49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors calls upon mental 50 health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and mental health care advocates in Dane 51 County to collaborate in designing CIT programs for Dane County; 52 53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in 2015, the Dane County Board of Supervisors shall study 54 mental health and substance abuse diversion resources and needs in Dane County including, 55 but not limited to, the Memphis CIT model, the San Antonio Restoration Center model, the 56 Tellurian detox facility, facilities similar to mental health care centers operated by Journey 57 Mental Health Center, Inc. and Tellurian UCAN, Inc., and permanent supportive housing 58 resources; 59 60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports redirecting 61 funding to implement CIT programs in Dane County; 62 63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to law enforcement 64 agencies, mental health provider agencies, and mental health advocacy groups in Dane County; 65 66 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Health and Human Needs Committee and Public 67 Protection and Judiciary Committee shall hold two joint meetings in 2015 to discuss the 68 progress of implementation of this resolution.