

2014 RES-361

STUDY AND DESIGN OF A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM PROGRAM

3 DCDHS – ACS DIVISION

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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
8 enforcement

9 based crisis intervention training for assisting those individuals with a mental illness, and
10 improves the safety of patrol officers, consumers, family members, and citizens within the
11 community. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction
12 between the criminal justice and mental health care system and creates the context for
13 sustainable change. CIT has three parts: 1) law enforcement, 2) community mental health
14 resources, and 3) advocacy groups. Collaboration among the three is essential for design
15 and implementation.

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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
18 County, a

19 mental health advocacy group, and the Madison Police Department. This training will be
20 repeated in June 2015.

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21 Consideration of implementing a Crisis Intervention Team model designed specifically for
22 Dane

23 County is important because a) there is criminalization of people with mental illness in Dane
24 County as evidenced by the large number of people with mental illness in the Dane County
25 Jail,

26 b) there are concerns about the recent deaths of people in mental health crises in recent
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28 involving law enforcement officers in Dane County, and c) there are barriers to treatment for
29 people in mental health crises in Dane County.

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30 United Way of Dane County and NAMI Dane County jointly sponsored CIT summit meetings
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32 August 27 and September 9, 2014, to discuss mental health crises that compromise public
33 safety. Over twenty five community leaders from government, law enforcement, hospitals,
34 mental health providers and advocacy organizations participated. Objectives included: 1)
35 insuring the safety of people with mental illness, their families, law enforcement, and the
36 community, 2) developing a common understanding of the scope and dimension of mental
37 health issues in which law enforcement becomes involved to protect the public, and 3)

38 determining next steps to prevent negative results as a result of mental health crises. One of
39 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.

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40 The county's Long Term Support Committee heard a presentation on Crisis Intervention
41 Teams

42 at its July 2014 meeting and has discussed the CIT model at its subsequent meetings. On
43 October 15, 2014, the committee unanimously passed a motion supporting introduction of
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45 resolution. In May, 2015, Dane County passed 2015 Res. 556, Investigating Alternatives to
46 Incarceration, Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges in Dane County Jail
47 and Throughout Dane County's Criminal Justice System. Three workgroups were created to
48 "engage the larger community to address inequities in criminal justice, specifically around
49 mental health and incarceration, solitary confinement and length of stay, and alternatives to
50 arrest and incarceration." Crisis intervention team goals are consistent with Res. 556 Guiding
51 Principles.

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45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors
46 endorses

47 Crisis Intervention Team goals of improving officer and consumer safety and redirecting
48 individuals in mental health crises from the judicial system to the health care system;

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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;

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in 2015 and 2016, the Dane County Board of
54 Supervisors, through the 2015 Res. 556 criminal justice reform workgroups and the
55 implementation of their recommendations, shall study

56 mental health and substance abuse diversion resources, and needs, and models for
57 implementation in Dane County including,

58 but not limited to, the Memphis CIT model, the San Antonio Restoration Center model, the
59 Tellurian detox facility, facilities similar to mental health care centers operated by Journey
60 Mental Health Center, Inc. and Tellurian UCAN, Inc., and permanent supportive housing
61 resources;

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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports
61 redirecting

62 funding to implement CIT programs in Dane County;

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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
65 County;

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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.~~