

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, 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, Undiagnosed and untreated mental illness is often a major contributing factor to criminal and otherwise destructive behavior; 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, Champaign County and local mental health providers are implementing a study under a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant to plan for optimum integration of justice and mental health functions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AND FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, follows:

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. 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.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of December, 2016.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor