

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY,
GEORGIA
AND
THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

WHEREAS, Fulton County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("Fulton County"), on behalf of the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ("DBHDD"), and the Fulton County Sheriff's Office ("FCSO") have come together to collaborate and to make an application for the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program; and

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which DBHDD will be the lead agency and named applicant and the other agency will be partners in this application; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the application prepared and approved by the collaborative through its partners is to be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance on or before **May 6, 2024**.

I) Description of Partner Agencies

DBHDD provides comprehensive mental health and addiction treatment services to all Fulton County residents, regardless of their ability to pay. It serves uninsured adults and veterans, including those with Medicaid or Medicare, and offers sliding scale service fees based on income and family size.

FCSO is responsible for law enforcement across Fulton County including providing support to individual municipal police departments as needed. It is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), demonstrating the department's commitment to developing effective directives, strengthening community relationships, and pursuing professional excellence.

II) Roles and Responsibilities

- 1) DBHDD will contract two Peer Support Specialists to provide follow-up services and connect participants to wraparound supports including but not

limited to warm handoffs to community-based behavioral health care providers, benefits enrollment, access to employment readiness and career training opportunities, legal aid, food, childcare, and transportation.

- 2) DBHDD will hire one Behavioral Health Clinician to work in tandem with the FCSO deputy to co-respond to individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring disorders who are experiencing a crisis.
- 3) DBHDD will conduct community outreach to educate Fulton County citizens on the co-responder team, crisis response, 988, Naloxone, overdose awareness, 911 Amnesty Law, and harm reduction.
- 4) DBHDD will create a Data Sharing Agreement among DBHDD, FCSO, the Fulton County Diversion Center, and the Behavioral Health Crisis Center.
- 5) DBHDD will host training for the Co-Responder Team and Fulton County Sheriff's Office. The training will include Trauma Informed Care, Crisis Intervention Training, Crisis De-escalation, Suicide Prevention, etc.
- 6) DBHDD, FCSO, and the evaluation team will participate in a planning phase to identify and document the operating procedures for a law enforcement-behavioral health co-response for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring disorders; develop common metrics and processes for tracking calls; and outline a sustainability plan.
- 7) FCSO will provide one Deputy to participate in the co-responder team with the Behavioral Health Clinician.
- 8) DBHDD will provide \$82,660.11 as a match throughout the 3-year program. The match consists of a percentage of Program Manager's time for this program
 - Year 1 Program Manager - \$23,617.17: 30% of salary (in-kind)
 - Year 2 Program Manager - \$23,617.17: 30% of salary (in-kind)
 - Year 3 Program Manager - \$35,425.74: 44% of salary (in-kind)
- 9) FFCSO will provide \$72,709.47 as a match throughout the 3-year program. The match consists of a percentage of the Financial Systems Manager's time for this program and will cover the cost of FCSO deputy training.
 - Year 1 Financial Systems Manager - \$20,800: 20% of salary (in-kind)
 - Year 2 Deputy Training - \$15,856.90: Cash match
 - Year 3 Deputy Training - \$36,052.57: Cash match

III) Timeline

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent on DBHDD receiving funds requested for the project described in the FY24 Connect & Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program grant application. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the grant period, anticipated to be October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027.

IV) Commitment to Partnership

- 1) The collaboration service area includes **Fulton County, GA.**
- 2) The partners agree to collaborate and provide a safe and improved response time for service to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis pursuant to the program narrative of the grant application attached to this agreement.
- 3) Compensation for the Fulton County Sheriff Offices' contribution to this project will be provided as outlined in the attached BJA: Connect and Protect budget detail worksheet.
- 4) We, the undersigned, have read and approve this MOU.

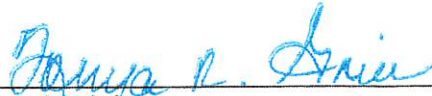
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused MOU to be executed and delivered on this, the _____ day of _____, 2024.

For Fulton County

Attest:



Robert L. Pitts, Chairman
Board of Commissioners



Tonya R. Grier
Clerk to the Commission

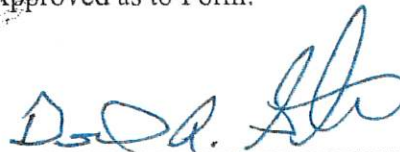


Approved as to Content:



LaTrina Foster, Director
Fulton County Department of Behavioral
Health and Developmental Disabilities

Approved as to Form:



Office of the County Attorney

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For Fulton County Sheriff's Office

By  _____
Sheriff Patrick Labat
Fulton County Sheriff

Date 5/2/2024

cc: Agencies and Interested Parties