

ATTACHMENT C

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this-----day of-----, 2008, between the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Wake County, Wake County Sheriff's Office, Raleigh Police Department, Cary Police Department, North Carolina Department of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services, Wake County Human Services, and Wake County General Services Administration and Wendell Police Department, Garner Police Department, Zebulon Police Department, Apex Police Department, Morrisville Police Department, Fuquay-Varina Police Department, RDU Airport Police Department, Knightdale Police Department, Holly Springs Police Department, NC General Assembly Police Department, Wake Forest Police Department, North Carolina State Highway Patrol and State Capitol Police Department (the Parties):

WHEREAS, the above named Parties endeavor and agree to prevent the arrest and incarceration of people with mental illness and effectively link these individuals to appropriate mental health treatment in the community through a Wake Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Model of services,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed for and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein that:

The Wake CIT will emphasize the training of specially selected law enforcement officers with skills and knowledge about mental illness to respond to crisis situations involving people with mental illness.

The Wake County Human Services Crisis and Assessment Services will provide rapid assessment and referral to appropriate mental health community services and support for people with mental illness requiring law enforcement involvement.

Law enforcement agencies will designate a CIT coordinator within their department, with the rank of Sgt (or higher)

Law enforcement agencies will actively participate in the CIT program to ensure that it remains a healthy, evolving program

In Addition the Parties agree to work cooperatively to:

- 1.) Emphasize treatment rather than incarceration of people with mental illness.
- 2.) Decrease the proportion of people with mental illness in the Wake County jail.
- 3.) Prevent the inappropriate incarceration and/or criminalization of people with mental illness.
- 4.) Improve the turnaround time for law enforcement officers at Wake County Human Services CAS.
- 5.) Decrease officer injury rates.
- 6.) Decrease injury rates to persons experiencing a mental health crisis requiring law enforcement involvement.
- 7.) Increase law enforcement officers' knowledge about mental illness, and increase skills in their interactions with people with mental illness.
- 8.) Provide training to selected law enforcement officers.
- 9.) Improve the relationships between law enforcement departments and Mental Health providers.
- 10.) Participate in evaluation of the Wake CIT goals and outcome measures.

This Agreement shall continue in effect from the date entered into for a period of one (1) year. Upon the expiration of said period, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year term(s) unless notice of termination is received by any party within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any term.

Signature lines for participants

_____ Date _____