

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**April 9, 2018**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM D - COUNTY SQUARE**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Rick Roberts  
Vice Chairman Xanthene Norris  
Councilor Mike Barnes  
Councilor Bob Taylor

**COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Councilor Fred Payne

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey D. Wile, Assistant County Attorney  
John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator  
Debbie Templeton, Administrative Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Paton Blough, NAMI advocate  
Ken Dority, NAMI Greenville Executive Director  
Dr. Jim Haynes, NAMI SC Chairman Board of Directors  
Capt. Stacey Owens, Greenville City P.D.  
Joe Dill, Councilor, Greenville County Council  
Lynn Ballard, Councilor, Greenville County Council  
Ennis Fant, Councilor, Greenville County Council  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Rick Roberts  
Chairman

**INVOCATION:**

Bob Taylor  
Vice Chairman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Vice Chairman Xanthe Norris moved to approve the minutes of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services' meeting of February 12, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

**PRESENTATION: CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)**

Speaker Paton Blough, in the attached presentation, explained the core elements of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention with community, health care, and advocacy partnerships. This program provides law enforcement-based crisis intervention training for assisting those individuals with a mental illness, and improves the safety of patrol officers, consumers, family members, and citizens within the community. The Greenville Police Department has an organized Crisis Intervention Team in place which evolved from a mental health dispatch call eight years ago which ended in the death of the individual being transported to the hospital while in custody.

The Crisis Intervention Team with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office currently has 111 deputies that have completed the 40-Hour Comprehensive Crisis De-Escalation Training Course with preparation being implemented for all the deputies to rotate through this training, per Sergeant Ryan Flood, Public Information Officer with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Stacey Owens, Professional Standards Division and CIT Coordinator of the Greenville City Police Department, who was in attendance stated that as the CIT Coordinator he has reviewed the department's CIT program and stated there are currently 154 officers and 45-50 dispatchers trained as team members of this program. The Crisis Intervention Team training teaches how to recognize mental illness and how to de-escalate the crisis before it becomes a tragedy. A Location/Caution Form which the CAD system uses to identify mentally ill individuals at a specific address which a dispatcher will give to the responding officer as a heads up to the impending situation and will include tracking the progress of these individuals. This form is on the Police Department Web-site and has been opened up to all law enforcement agencies in Greenville County as well as individuals wishing to report mental/medical issues within their home that responding law enforcement officers should be aware of when responding to a to this address. A Crisis Mobile Center is slated to open late summer for individuals who are not a danger to themselves or others, but need immediate assistance.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) has a few immediate needs:

1. Even though the Sheriff's Office has a CIT program there is a need for a designated CIT Coordinator to be appointed to assist in all aspects of the CIT Program
2. Expedite dispatcher training
3. Funding for overtime while officers and/or dispatchers are in training, from their respective budgets.
4. Expeditiously spread the Core Elements of a Crisis Intervention Team throughout Greenville County.

In conclusion, Chairman Roberts expressed appreciation on behalf of the Committee to the presenters for the CIT program presentation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Chairman Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra S Templeton, Administrative Coordinator