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GRANT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

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AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE GRANT COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ALONG WITH THE COUNTIES OF PULASKI, SALINE, PERRY, GARLAND, FAULKNER, LONOKE, AND JEFFERSON AND THE CITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, SHERWOOD, JACKSONVILLE AND MAUMELLE TO ENDORSE AND MISSION AND GOALS OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEFLECTION PROGRAM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PULASKI COUNTY REGIONAL CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT ("PCRCSU") AS A PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY ACT 423 OF 2017.

WHERE AS, Grant County, Pulaski County, Saline County, Perry County, Garland County, Faulkner County, Lonoke County, Jefferson County, City of Little Rock, City of North Little Rock, City of Sherwood, City of Jacksonville and the City of Maumelle acknowledge that there are increasing numbers of persons incarcerated with mental health and co-occurring substance abuse issues; and,

WHERE AS, Pulaski County has dedicated up to one-million dollars(\$1,000,000.00) to secure an appropriate facility for the Pulaski County Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit ("PCRCSU"), which will help people stay out of jail by offering mental health and co-occurring substance treatment; and,

WHERE AS, Grant County recognizes that for the Behavioral Health Deflection Program to be successful, cooperation and collaboration must occur among the partners in the program; and,

WHERE AS, the mission of the Behavioral Health Deflection Program is to help advance counties efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails; and,

WHERE AS, the goal of the program is to improve the lives of individuals with behavioral health issues by assisting them to gain access to case management and other appropriate resources in the community; and,

WHERE AS, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and,

WHERE AS, the Counties and Cities acknowledge that Pulaski County alone cannot, and could not, be solely responsible for the maintenance and operations of the PCRCSU; and,

WHERE AS, the Counties and cities desire to enter into a contractual agreement whereby County funds are made available to Pulaski County to assist in the maintenance and operation for the PCRCSU.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Quorum Court hereby authorizes the Grant County Judge to enter into an Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Pulaski County, Saline County, Perry County, Garland County, Faulkner County, Lonoke County, Jefferson County, City of Little Rock, City of North Little Rock, City of Sherwood, City of Jacksonville and the City of Maumelle for participation in the Pulaski County Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit ("PCRCSU") as a pilot program authorized by Act 423 of 2017, otherwise known as the Criminal Justice Efficiency and Safety Act of 2017.

Section 2. Grant County will help defray maintenance and operation costs of the PCRCSU by agreeing to pay fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day, up to the length of stay, for each individual they deliver to the PCRCSU for treatment. The medical services provider shall determine the length of stay necessary. A day is defined as any amount of time, during a calendar day, after acceptance for admission into the PCRCSU.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any portion of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Emergency. This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and the same shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF June, 2018.

Randy Pruitt 6/18/18
Randy Pruitt

ATTEST:

Tanya Diotte 6/18/18
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