



HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: December 27, 2023

To: Supervisor Dionisio and Members of the Town Board

From: Chief John T. Vasta

Subject: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Harrison Police Department and St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center

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1. Outline an agreed upon interagency workflow;
2. Improve care and treatment of individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis;
3. Increase awareness and collaborative relationship to strengthen continuity of care for at-risk individuals;
4. Reducing the inappropriate or unnecessary utilization of emergency services;
5. Establish trust and provide detailed responsibility of each party; and
6. Work towards creating a desired method of communication.

A copy of the MOU is attached for review and authorization is respectfully requested for the Supervisor to execute the Agreement.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL CRISIS CENTER AND THE HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Service Agreement is entered by and made between St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center and The Harrison Police Department, is made effective on the day of January 1, 2024.

Service Overview

The 988 Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. We're committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness.

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St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center

Harrison Police Department

MOU Term and Termination

The period of service shall be for one year effective the date of this agreement. Options for extensions of this service agreement will be made mutually by both St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center and The Harrison Police Department prior to the end date of the agreement.

This agreement may be modified in writing at any time by the parties by mutual agreement.

This agreement may be canceled by either party by providing a minimum thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to include reasons that necessitate the change or termination of this agreement to the other parties.

St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center Staff Name/Title

St. Vincent's Hospital Crisis Center Staff Signature & Date

Harrison Police Department Staff Name/Title

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