

PRE-ARREST DIVERSION INITIATIVE DESIGN TEAM

Board Established by: County

Description:

On December 16, 2015, The Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution item # 15-1197 to authorize and create a design team for a pilot Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative in Fulton County. In April 2015, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted six strategic priority areas, one of which was "All People are Safe". A strategy outlined within the "All People are Safe" priority area is to create more effective approaches to addressing the increasing populations of mentally ill, drug/alcohol-dependent, and homeless individuals that are overwhelming the public safety system". The Board seeks, as a strategic measure, to address the number of individuals that suffer from mental and substance abuse illnesses who are arrested and incarcerated. The most effective practices across the nation illustrate that Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiatives have a significant impact on (1) quality of life improvement in communities, (2) reducing the number of inmates in jail facilities, and (3) the successful, redirection of the mentally ill and those suffering from addiction to receipt of services that result in reduced contact with the Criminal Justice System.

Membership/Appointment:

The Design Team shall engage in a directed envisioning and planning process to decide program details, including but not limited to: Guiding vision and principles for the initiative; Location of the pilot program and targeted population; Program eligibility, including charges and backgrounds; Case management requirements for the social service component; Collaboration and communication between entities; Fundraising and sustainability; and thorough and objective evaluation of the program. Design Team shall include key stakeholders from the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, human services providers, and community members. Participants from Fulton County (or their designees) shall include: (1) Representative from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, appointed by the full Board, (1) Representative of the Fulton County Department of Housing and Community Development; Fulton County District Attorney; Fulton County Solicitor General; Chief Public Defender for Fulton County; Fulton County Manager. 1) Representative from each of the following Fulton County Courts: Superior, State and Magistrate; (1) Representative from the Fulton County Department of Health. The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County reserves the right to adjust the number County representatives on the design team.

Term:

The Design Team will operate January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Compensation: NONE

Stipend:

Meetings:

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MEMBER	APPOINTMENT	TERM ENDING
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1 Mr. Dick Anderson	County Manager	12/31/2016
2 Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington	BOC Representative Commissioner Joan P. Garner	12/31/2016
3 The Honorable Paul Howard	District Attorney	12/31/2016
4 Mr. Vernon Pitts	Chief Public Defender	12/31/2016
5 Ms. Carmen Smith	Solicitor General	12/31/2016