



Borough of Manville
Resolution #2024-87

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE AND BRIDGEWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1, *et seq.* (“Screening Law”) and N.J.A.C. 10:31-1.1., *et seq.* (“Screening Regulations”), it is the policy of the State of New Jersey to provide a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person’s clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the public mental health system’s entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment to treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers may request the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises and mental health personnel may request assistance from officers when responding to requests for emergency screening; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Manville finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its residents to ensure the safety of every person involved in civilian-law enforcement interactions, while recognizing that many of the negative outcomes that have resulted from such interactions may stem from individuals having underlying behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services (“BBHS”) has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services to provide screening and other medical health services in accordance with state law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, BBHS participates in the ARRIVE Together (“Alternative Responses Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation”) Pilot Program with participating police departments in Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council supports the Manville Police Department entering into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with BBHS to participate in the ARRIVE Together Pilot Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as though specifically set forth herein below.

Section 2. The Borough Council hereby approves and endorses the Manville Police Department’s participation in the ARRIVE Together Program to enhance and support law enforcement and response to certain behavioral health crisis calls.


Section 3. The Borough Council hereby authorizes Borough Staff and the Police Deputy Chief to take all necessary steps to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding, substantially consistent with the form of agreement attached hereto, between the Manville Borough Police Department and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, 282 East Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 for the establishment of a pilot program for the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part(s) of this resolution shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and that a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ATTEST:

 William Bray, RMC, CMR
 Borough Clerk


 Richard M. Onderko
 Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey at a Regular Meeting held at 325 N. Main St., Manville, NJ 08835 on May 6, 2024.

ATTEST:

William Bray, RMC, CMR
 Borough Clerk

Introduced	Seconded	Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
		Councilman Agans				X
		Councilwoman Camacho				X
X		Councilman DeVito	X			
		Councilwoman Madak	X			
		Councilwoman Puia	X			
	X	Councilman Skirkanish	X			
		Mayor Onderko				