

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING)
THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER) RESOLUTION NO. R-13-0032
AS A SEPARATE COUNTY DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, In June 2011, the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska (“Board”) formed the Community Mental Health Center (“CMHC”) Planning Committee for the purpose of reviewing how Lancaster County was providing mental health services at the CMHC, to determine the best model for providing services in the future, and to advise the Board as to the proper role of Lancaster County in funding and providing these services.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2012, the CMHC Planning Committee issued a report and recommendations which included a recommendation that Region V and the County solicit through an Invitation to Negotiate (“ITN”) process specifications for a new service model.

WHEREAS, throughout 2012, the CMHC ITN committee regularly met to deliberate and determine the process through which the ITN process would proceed.

WHEREAS, Lancaster County is mandated pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 71-919 (Reissue 2008) to make arrangements to place individuals taken into emergency protective custody in appropriate facilities and pay the costs related to housing said individuals.

WHEREAS, the Crisis Center program within the CMHC provides custody, screening, emergency evaluation and crisis intervention to acutely mentally ill individuals, age 18 and older, who are detained pursuant to the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act.

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2013, the Board indicated its intent to continue to operate the Crisis Center program as a County department separate and distinct from the remainder of the Community Mental Health Center County department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lancaster County, as follows:

1. The Crisis Center is hereby separated from the remainder of the Community Mental Health Center and effective June 13, 2013 is its own separate and distinct department within the Lancaster County government and will be known as the Mental Health Crisis Center.

2. The Mental Health Crisis Center will continue to operate the existing 15 bed facility at 2201 South 17th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502 under Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Mental Health Center license MHC007.

3. Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-2519* (Reissue 2008), Scott Etherton is appointed as the unclassified Mental Health Crisis Center Director and will be the department head of the Mental Health Crisis Center with an annual salary of \$81,000 effective June 13, 2013.

4. All classified positions within the Crisis Center program shall be moved to the Mental Health Crisis Center department.

DATED this 4 day of June, 2013, at the County-City Building, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 4th day of
June, 2013.


for JOE KELLY
County Attorney




