

REPLACEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM #16

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, June 22, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford's policy regarding the response to mental health calls are largely fielded by police

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council is fully committed to the principle that Hartford should take the lead where community based crisis response teams that are not police respond to disturbances where crimes are not being committed. It is largely understood that when an officer enters and the issue has the potential to likely to escalate

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council acknowledges that a lack of equity in our communities overall leads to a lot of issues that police are asked to solve. It is the intent of the Court of Common Council to continue to find ways to use appropriate responses to emergency mental health, homelessness and addiction calls

WHEREAS, By this Resolution the Court of Common Council agrees to follow a model in partnership with the Mayor where mental health care workers or other crisis responders are dispatched for certain calls that may not require a law enforcement response

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford explore, develop and ultimately operationalize a system that has appropriate responses to mental health calls.

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