

# LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a program to assist persons whom a police officer believes may benefit from working with a crisis worker and ongoing mental health services. The police officer working with you today is not a medical provider and is not making a diagnosis. Agreeing to voluntarily enter into this agreement with the City of Dallas, through the police officer you are working with, is not an acknowledgement or diagnosis that you have a mental illness. It is only an agreement to take advantage of the offered program.

## SOCIAL REFERRAL

The police officer offering this agreement to you recognizes that you may need the assistance of a mental health provider. The police officer is concerned with your well-being and/or the potential that you may do something requiring arrest if you continue on your current path. By signing this agreement, you are agreeing to cooperate with an initial meeting with Polk County Behavioral Health. You are also agreeing to continue to receive services as you and Polk County Behavioral Health decide appropriate. The Social Referral portion of this program is voluntary and there is no potential criminal penalty if you stop services.

Police Officer	Date	Referred Person	Date
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The police officer offering this agreement to you, a diverted person, believes there is probable cause to arrest you for a crime, as shown below. The officer agrees and has initialed below indicating the following criteria have been met:

- \_\_\_ The diverted person is **not** under court ordered supervision for a person crime.
- \_\_\_ There are no victim objections to this diversion.
- \_\_\_ The applicable offense(s) are within the jurisdiction of the Dallas Municipal Court.
- \_\_\_ The diverted person has been given explanation that entering this program is voluntary.
- \_\_\_ The diverted person has been warned that failure to comply with the treatment requirements of his or her provider during the initial 60 days may result in a warrant for his or her arrest for the original offense.

By entering into this agreement, you acknowledge that the police officer has explained this is a voluntary program. This is an opportunity that will not be offered again for this offense. If you enter into this program and comply with treatment for 60 days, as determined by your provider, you will not be charged for this offense. However, if you don't comply at any point up to and including the 60<sup>th</sup> day, a warrant may be issued for your arrest and you may be fully prosecuted for the offense.

Further, in order for the Dallas Police Department to monitor your compliance with this agreement and as a condition of you participating in this diversion, you must execute an authorization for Polk County Behavioral Health to share protected medical information with the Dallas Police Department.

The City of Dallas, by and through the undersigned police officer, enters into this voluntary diversion agreement with the undersigned diverted person. If the diverted person completes the required 60 days of treatment, the person will not be prosecuted for the crime(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,

which occurred on or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
(date / time of occurrence)

at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(location of occurrence)

The undersigned police officer has been granted authority to execute this agreement, on behalf of the City of Dallas, in coordination with the Dallas City Prosecutor and with the approval of the Dallas Municipal Court Judge.

### POLICE OFFICER

(print name)	Date
(signature)	

### DIVERTED PERSON

(print name)	Date
(signature)	