

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51

BOROUGH OF PEMBERTON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEMBERTON BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES AND OAKS INTEGRATED CARE FOR THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 30:4-27.1, et seq. (“Screening Law”) and NJAC 10:31-1.1, et seq. (“Screening Regulations”), it is the policy of this State to provide for 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 the 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, to participate in the ARRIVE Together Program the Pemberton Borough Police Department has been requested to enter into the attached “Memorandum of Understanding” between LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES *PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER* TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS (“MOU”); AND

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the MOU the Pemberton Borough Police Department will participate in the following two facets of the ARRIVE Together Program:

Co-Responder Program wherein law enforcement officers and mental health service provider from Legacy Treatment Services respond together to emergency service calls and/or follow up visits that relate to behavioral health crisis.

Follow-up Program wherein law enforcement officers inform MHSP specialist of individuals encountered by law enforcement that need services of MHSP specialist within a designated timeframe following the law enforcement interaction as determined by the Parties

WHEREAS, Legacy Treatment Services, 1 East Stow Road, Marlton, New Jersey (“Legacy”) has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (“DHS”) to provide screening and other medical/health services in accordance with state law and regulation within Burlington County and contracts annually with Legacy for the provision of screening services and other services; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the DHS have executed a separate agreement which will provide for funding for this program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pemberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 21st day of April, 2025, agree to this interlocal agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution and the Memorandum of Understanding shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Attest:

Borough Clerk

Mayor

Councilmember	Motion	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
Bernacki							
Fanucci							
Fenster							
Jerome							
Martin							
Tettemer							
Mayor							