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Clarity Healthcare teams with Adams County deputies for crisis response

Mobile response team will help Adams County residents experiencing mental health crisis events and sheriff's deputies at the same time

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QUINCY — When people don't know who else to call, they call the police. When a person experiences a mental health crisis, police officers and sheriff's deputies may also need help. Starting Jan. 1, they have someone to call.

Clarity Healthcare reached an agreement with the Adams County Sheriff's Office to begin providing mental health professionals on call for crisis and for non-emergency situations. Beginning Jan. 1, deputies can call Clarity Healthcare's mobile response team in cases when a referral to mental health care resources is a better option than an arrest. It's a move designed to conserve deputies' time and resources and provide faster, better service to Adams County residents.

Deanna Sublette, director of behavioral health for Clarity Healthcare, says the mobile response team is made up of six members with plans to add five more members in January 2025.

"We've got case managers, we've got an intake worker, we've got therapists that are on the team, so it's just a variety of different folks who provide services within Clarity who come together to ensure one vision to help those who are in need of crisis stabilization," Sublette said.

Adams County Sheriff Tony Grootens hopes deputies will use the phone number to call the mobile response team to refer people and families to services, rather than allow already tense situations to escalate.

"In today's society, the cops don't look for reasons to arrest somebody, they look for more of a reason to solve the problem rather than make arrests," Grootens said. "We would rather see them

have the treatment and the facilities to treat these people rather than to have them end up in a law enforcement situation.”

Clarity Healthcare already has a mental health response agreement with the Quincy Police Department. Clarity’s mobile crisis unit aims to respond to calls from police officers between 30 and 45 minutes after the call is placed, and the service is accessible to deputies and police officers 24/7, 365 days per year.

About Clarity Healthcare

A subsidiary of Preferred Family Healthcare, Clarity Healthcare is a community health center with 11 locations in Missouri and Illinois. Clarity is committed to providing quality health care for you and your loved ones. Clarity Healthcare has worked hard to foster positive relationships with social services, health care and law enforcement agencies in the communities it serves and its team members are excited for the opportunity to expand access for treatment and care by building upon those relationships.

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