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## MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LETTER OF COMMITMENT

#### **STATEMENT OF VALUES:**

As partners in both public health and public safety in our community, we in Marion County believe in, and are committed to community-based, pre-arraignment pathways for treatment and recovery support services to help individuals whose substance-use disorder and behavioral health conditions lead to interactions with law enforcement and engagement with the criminal justice system so long as these pathways are paired with individual accountability for participants. This is evidenced by the fact that we have been a leader in this state as one of the first and only counties to currently successfully run a robust Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program for over seven years. We will continue to operate this program at the highest standards which include individual accountability for participants.

#### **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:**

We have worked with our local partners, including but not limited to, behavioral health resource networks, community mental health providers, community-based organizations, peer support organizations, law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, courts, corrections professionals and local county and city governments, and we have developed this County-wide program. Our efforts already include evidence-based solutions, like mobile crisis teams within our LEAD structure.

Although originally funded through Federal Grants, our program has been so successful in changing lives for the better that it is currently funded via our county general fund. Should state funds become available, we will be interested in exploring funding opportunities provided by the 'Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services' (IMPACTS) Grant Review Committee. This additional money may be beneficial as it could allow us to expand our program with additional Navigators and increased services. If we receive a grant from the IMPACTS Grant Review Committee we would expect to participate in the IMPACTS data collection and review process.

As a law enforcement and public health partner, Marion County is already committed to the diversion of individuals facing drug-related charges and the use of objective evidence-based national standards to do so. The Marion County District Attorney already diverts many successful participants away from the criminal justice system using this program. Additional funding that does not require us to change our LEAD program would only increase these crucial, life-saving efforts so long as it is paired with legal changes that ensure accountability for individuals who commit crimes in our community.

Kevin Cameron  
Chair

Danielle Bethell  
Commissioner

Colm Willis  
Commissioner

Nicholas Hunter  
Sheriff



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## **LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

February 23, 2024

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Although originally funded through Federal Grants, our program has been so successful in changing lives for the better that it is currently funded via our county general fund. Should state funds become available, we will apply for funding to the 'Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services' (IMPACTS) Grant Review Committee. This additional money would be extremely beneficial as it would allow us to expand our program with additional Navigators and increased services. We further agree to participate in the IMPACTS data collection and review process. As we currently run this program, we foresee only benefits not barriers to this expansion.

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Paige E. Clarkson  
District Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Hunter".

Nicholas Hunter  
Sheriff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Womack".

Trevor Womack  
Salem Chief of Police