

## Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Title:	PROPOSED	RESOLUTIO	ON					
	Resolution Supporting NACo's "Stepping Up Initiative" to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails							
	WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and							
	WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and							
	WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and							
	WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and							
	WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and							
	WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and							
	WHEREAS, Cook County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and							
	WHEREAS, Cook County has successfully reduced its total jail population by 20% since 2013; and							
	WHEREAS, Cook County's 'County Care' program has expanded behavioral health services in communities throughout Cook County, and stakeholders have joined in an effort to enroll jail detainee in 'County Care' before they are released; and							
	WHEREAS, every Cook County Jail detainee with mental health needs is interviewed by a social worker, before discharge from the jail, in order to arrange for appropriate community-based transitional services such as medical appointments, counseling, behavioral health services and supportive housing; and							
	WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;							
	NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in state of Illinois and correct the country to support a patiental initiative and encourage all county officials, employees							

and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We further resolve to:

and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees

	agencies committed to safely reducing the Continue to collect relevant data a Continue to work with all stakehold to determine which programs and services occurring substance use disorders. As we minimizing contact with the justice system Implement research-based approx and the number of mentally ill jail detainee Continue to create processes to the report on successes.	ack progress using data and information sys	ils. cision making. bilities in order s and co- ding barriers to community. ail population tems, and to
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