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DATE OF MEETING: 8/21/13

PREPARED BY: Lyon/Lieberman

DATE MATERIAL PREPARED: 8/12/13

AGENDA ITEM: Review and Discuss Current Results of Survey Research Regarding Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

ENCLOSURES:

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

Staff will provide an update on the recent progress of the phone survey regarding Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

At the April 9, 2013 meeting, the Committee was provided with an update regarding the CIT survey results. A follow-up phone survey of county Sheriff’s Departments was conducted that requested additional responses. Additional efforts have been made to generate additional responses and the resulting outcomes will be included in the August 21, 2013 meeting update.

Background:

The CFLC 2013 Charter provides that the Committee will “[g]ather information about the status of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training or equivalent activities in individual counties.” The CFLC met on June 13, 2012 and discussed how best to gather information on CIT training. The CFLC decided to survey many of the law enforcement agencies in the state on the status of their CIT training programs. Agencies to be included in the survey included police, sheriff, college and university, airport and public transportation law enforcement agencies. In addition, mental health departments and mental health advocacy organizations were surveyed in a separate, shortened, survey for information on local CIT training programs.

In light of the CFLC discussion, CFLC staff, in consultation with the then-CFLC Vice-Chair, created survey invitation messages and surveys for use on the survey application, “Survey Monkey,” and the surveys were sent out at the end of July and into early August. For the initial set of surveys, survey responses were requested by August 15, 2012, with the remaining responses requested by the end of August. Staff shared the analysis of the survey responses at the October 3, 2012 CFLC meeting that the committee discussed in addition to the future direction of the CIT Survey research.