

RESOLUTION NO 2015-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BELL
AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FORMING A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION UNIT IN THE
SOUTHEAST REGION TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Bell Police Department increasingly encounters community members who are in need of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Bell Police Department officers are not trained or equipped to handle the acute mental health issues they encounter; and

WHEREAS, the respective Southeast region police departments of Bell Gardens, Bell, Vernon, Downey, Huntington Park, South Gate, and Signal Hill, in cooperation with Department of Mental Health (DMH) will establish a joint response operation to provide mental health-related clinical services during police related field incidents; and

WHEREAS, this unit will be known as the Southeast Region Mental Health Evaluation Teams (SRMET); and

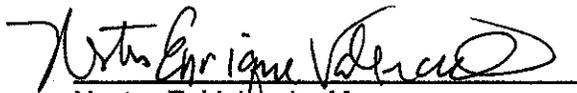
WHEREAS, the SRMET Unit will be deployed when necessary by the respective police agency during special operations or calls for service pertaining to members of the public suffering from mental health; and

WHEREAS, the SRMET clinicians will assist and advise responding officers in handling mental health incidents and will provide supplementary analysis and reports for on-going cases.

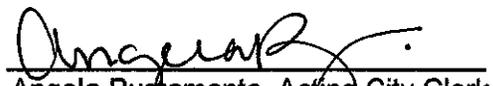
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL DOES HEREBY:

1. Authorize the Police Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health.

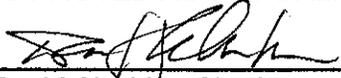
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2015


Nestor E. Valencia, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Aleshire, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 25th day of March, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Saleh, Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Valencia

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk