

**TOWNSHIP OF SHALER
RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHALER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRE-ARREST LAW ENFORCEMENT – ASSISTED DIVERSION PROGRAM.

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler direct the Chief of Police of the Township of Shaler to explore the establishment of a pre-arrest law enforcement-assisted diversion program centered around harm reduction that offers alternative pathways for low-level offenders and reduces the unnecessary justice system involvement.

Whereas, the Township of Shaler is committed to treating every member of the community, especially those who are most vulnerable, with dignity and compassion, and,

Whereas, the Township of Shaler is committed to exploring the ability to work within a cohort of contiguous municipalities; and,

Whereas, the Township of Shaler is committed to ensuring justice for all citizens.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler the following:


Section 1: The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler hereby direct the Chief of Police of the Shaler Township Police Department to explore the establishment of a pre-arrest law enforcement diversion program (the “Program” centered around harm reduction that offers alternative pathways for low-level offenders and reduces unnecessary justice system involvement.

Section 2: The Chief of Police of the Shaler Township Police Department shall consult with the Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT) and neighboring municipalities regarding the Program and may look to the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) national model for a common system of best practices while considering the needs of the Township as well as the residents of the Township.

Section 3: The Chief of Police of the Shaler Township Police Department and/or their designees shall provide regular progress reports to the Board of Commissioners regarding the status of his or her research into the Program and shall provide a final recommendation within twelve (12) months of the date of this Resolution.

Approved this 13th day of April 2021 by the Shaler Township Board of Commissioners.

Attest:



Timothy J. Rogers, Manager



David W. Shutter, President

