

**WARREN COUNTY MULTI-DISCIPLINARY
BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM**

Threat Assessment and Response Protocol

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INTRODUCTION

The Warren County Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response Team Protocol for Identification and Intervention is a written agreement between team members outlining relationships with the team and the procedures that team members shall follow in the handling of individuals who pose threats to the public, team members and other first responders due to mental health related conditions or who, through continual interaction with local health care professionals, first responders and E-911, create an undue burden on the mental health and law enforcement resources of the community.

VISION STATEMENT

We will work together as a team, combining our respective knowledge and history with individuals within the community, to identify those individuals who pose a risk to the community at large, the team members working with those individuals or other first responders and take such steps as available and necessary to provide safe, ethical and evidence-based intervention procedures to deter the threat. We shall also work together to identify those individuals who utilize extreme amounts of health care and law enforcement resources due to a mental health condition and work to also provide safe, ethical and evidence-based intervention to curtail said usage.

AUTHORITY

The Warren County Multi-Disciplinary Threat Assessment and Response Team was conceived and established by the efforts of River Ridge Behavioral Health Services.

COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM

- A. *River Ridge Behavioral Health Services*
- B. *Merit Health River Region*
- C. *Vicksburg Police Department*
- D. *Warren County Sheriff's ^{OFFICE} Department*
- E. *Vicksburg Fire Department*

- F. *Warren County Fire Services*
- G. *Warren County E-911*
- H. *Warren County Chancery Clerk*
- I. *Vicksburg Warren School District (VWSD)*
- J. *Office of the District Attorney, 9th Judicial District*

PROCEDURE FOR CASE HANDLING

The team receives reports of concerning behavior by individuals, gathers additional information, assesses the risk of potential violence, and then develops intervention and management strategies to mitigate the risk of violence individuals displaying the concerning behavior pose.

Step 1: Receive a Report of Concern

When the threat assessment team first learns of a new report of a threat or aberrant or concerning behavior, the team (or some member of the team closely associated with the individual) should collect initial intake information about the behavior, the concerning person (the person engaged in the threatening behavior or the person to be assessed), and other information that is readily available.

Step 2: Identify Threat Level

Screen for immanency of the threat or concerning behavior and whether there is a need for a full threat assessment. If the intervening agency believes that the report and/or the actions of the individual present an imminent danger or safety concern they shall immediately notify law enforcement. Once the threat is contained the individual will be presented to the Threat Assessment Team who shall develop an intervention and management protocol structured to provide the individual with the mental health treatment required to alleviate the threat.

If the intervening agency does not believe that the report and/or actions of the individual poses an imminent danger or safety concern then the individual will be presented to the Threat Assessment Team for evaluation with the goal of proposing an intervention and management protocol structured to provide that individual with the mental health treatment required to stabilize the situation.

Step 3: Gather Information from Multiple Sources

Part of the goal of the Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Threat Assessment Team is to identify those individuals who may, due to some mental health condition, pose a threat to themselves or the community and to identify those individuals who may be putting an undue burden on the healthcare or law enforcement resources of the community. The primary goal, however, is to bring multiple stakeholders together, such as medical and mental health professionals, law enforcement officials, governmental entities and others to share information regarding the identified individual so that all of those stakeholders may be fully informed and aware of the possible danger to the individual, themselves, or to the community.

Step 4: Develop and Implement a Case Management/Intervention Plan

The Team shall develop and implement a case management plan to reduce risk or undue burden on the resources of the healthcare or law enforcement communities. As needed the Team will refer the individual of concern to the local mental health programs or healthcare providers for evaluation and/or treatment.

Step 5: Case Monitoring

The Team shall monitor, re-evaluate, and modify plans as needed ensure that the identified intervention is effective and the individual of concern no longer poses a threat of violence or self-harm.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION

All signatories of this agreement concur that otherwise confidential information regarding the individuals whose actions have brought them before the Warren County Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response Team may be freely shared with all members of the Team for purposes of assessment and implementation of case plans. However, nothing herein shall be constituted to require VWSD to disclose any records to which would violate FERPA or other federal or state laws protecting privacy or confidentiality of student information. All signatories of this agreement also agree, however, that, within the bounds permitted by law, to maintain confidentiality of all information obtained as a result of team participation. This includes all information obtained during team staffing or for the purpose of investigating alleged threats of violence, identifying individuals who pose such threats and determining the proper protocol to provide that individual with the necessary treatment regimen to alleviate the threat.

So Agreed this the 15th day of February, 2026.


River Ridge Behavioral Health Services

City of Vicksburg

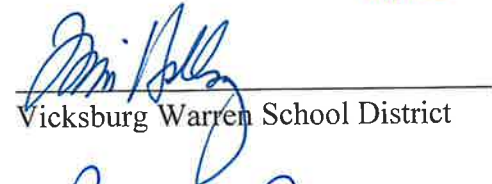

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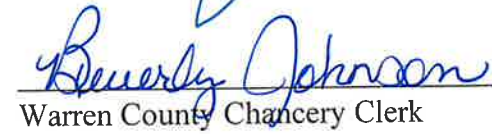

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