

CIT SYSTEMS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO  
CITY/COUNTY CIT PLANNING COMMITTEE  
February 27, 2009

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Support Staff: Judi Byrd, Director of Social Services, Hamilton County

The CIT Systems Sub-Committee met on 1/22, 1/29, 2/5 and 2/19 and report the following:

- ❖ Current Response to Mental Health Events Involving Law Enforcement in Hamilton County, (Flow Chart Attachment) Review by Judi Byrd.
- ❖ Identified ten (10) barriers in the Current Response to efficient functioning of the system:
  1. No CIT Team.
  2. No involuntary drop off/receiving center.
  3. No options for Alcohol & Drug facility other than jail.
  4. Chattanooga Police Department not authorized to transport.
  5. No post jail follow-up.
  6. Insufficient number of certified mental health staff to issue certificate of need.
  7. Unnecessary medical clearance required in some situations.
  8. Extended wait time at Erlanger.
  9. Excessive wait time for mental health Crisis Response Team.
  10. Waiting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Prescreened Backup to come to the scene.