

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2015  
Facilitated by: Danny Whatley & Rick Miera**

July meeting minutes were discussed and approved.

New members of the MHRAC meeting introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their backgrounds.

There was a past discussion regarding page 2, Article Item 3, in July's minutes stating the MHRAC leadership to select replacement members for those who have left. David Webster will be officially filling the spot for past member, Jay Crowe.

Following a recommendation from the Co-chairs, the procedure for future meeting agendas will be to provide a brief synopsis of what will be discussed by the Committee at the upcoming meeting. This draft agenda, including proposed handouts, will be posted on the City MHRAC website prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Discussion and approval of amended MHRAC By Laws are as follows:**

**Article 5. Terms of Office**

- Motion was passed to propose amendment to clarify language. Motion is approved.

**Page 1. Title**

- Motion was passed to remove "Draft" from By Laws. Motion is approved.

**Page 2, Article 3. Membership**

- Motion was passed to change number of members from 'eighteen' to 'nineteen'. Motion is approved.

**Page 4, Article 10. Amending the By Laws**

- Motion was made to adopt proposed amendment in second paragraph in the handout rather than the first. Motion is approved.

**Update from APD on CIT training and SOP 2-13**

The National Curriculum, a best practice used throughout the country, has been approved by the Department of Safety for use in CIT. The CIT training program is the centerpiece of the CIT program within APD. More than just training, APD is looking to set up systems to continually re-evaluate, assess, and improve the course as training evolves, and it will improve continually, with the help of the MHRAC and the community, through evaluations, feedback, thus being a great opportunity for the community. APD's

philosophy APD is focused on safety, de-escalation, compassion, empathy, de-stigmatization, and transparency. APD has begun collaboration with other agencies--initially UNM's Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Health Education at UNM--and will be open to input and guidance from any other agencies that may be interested.

## **Meeting Minutes Continued**

Dr. Troy Rodgers clarified that there are no clear best practices for CIT classes and he's been working with the DOJ monitor Dr. Kunard to address that.

Lt. Glenn St. Onge reviewed the SOP and explained that it is about 99% done; just a few minor changes were made, such as formatting and length.

The Lt. also implemented data analysis through the CIT contact sheet as well as putting the information into a mapping program.

As of September 1, 2015, MOU will be effective.

## **Barricaded Subjects SOP, Lt. Garcia**

Lt. Garcia presented the draft SOPs to the MHRAC and explained the difference in situations and in people that are in crisis who are, suicidal or barricaded. In those situations, he explained to the MHRAC, which team, CIT or CNT, will be called out to those scenes and the process of coming up with a plan to address the subject. After coming into contact with the subject, they follow up with them by text messages, phone calls, via e-mail, and face book, just to let them know that there are resources readily available to them. They are trying to slow everything down, not only for the officers, but for the subject in crisis.

A meeting with the city lawyers will be setup soon and an open invitation was given to Nancy Koenigsberg and the co-chairs.

## **Report from Committees**

(Nancy Koenigsberg - Chair of Information Sharing Sub-Committee) Have been collecting lots of resources from different parts of the country and have distributed 8 different articles which the subcommittee members are reading. Their next meeting is on September 1, 2015. Each subcommittee member will report back to the subcommittee and give both a written summary and a description of the processes that those articles described. Many of the articles have a lot of references, so the person assigned to that article has a lot to report back to the subcommittee. We are hoping to get a sense of what's going on in other places so we can design something that is legal and effective for the community.

## **Report from Co-Chairs**

Have had communication with the city with the chief, concerned whether the MHRAC is the group that the chief is supposed to be communicating with. APD clarified, that the MHRAC is the group designated by the DOJ agreement.

**Next Meeting:**

September 15, 2015

Noon Day - The Rock

@5:00 p.m.