

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Co-Chair Danny Whatley, The Rock at Noon Day  
Detective Matt Tinney, APD Crisis Intervention Unit  
Paula Burton, Peer Representative  
Ellen Braden, CABQ-Dept. of Family & Comm. Services  
Robert Salazar, NAMI/Peer Representative  
Lieutenant Zach Wesley, APD CIU  
Betty Whiton, NAMI  
William Narrow, MD., M.P.H., UNM Dept. of Psychiatry  
Rob Nelson, APD/C.O.A.S.T.  
David Ley, NM Solutions  
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM  
Deputy Chief Eric Garcia  
Sergeant Diane Dosal, APD  
Detective David Baca, APD  
Detective Jeffery Bludworth, APD

Detective Lawrence Saavedra, APD  
Auditor: Cynthia Martinez, APD  
Scribe: Yvette Marentes, APD

**Absent:**

Steve Bringe, Peer Representative  
David Webster  
Nils Rosenbaum, M.D., APD Behavioral Health Division  
Rick Miera, Executive Committee  
Michele Franowski, F I C

Meeting called to order at 5:06 quorum of 11 was met at time of start.

**Welcome first time guests**

There were parents looking for suggestions; council members agreed to meet with them during the break. Robert Stockton with APD, CIT Coordinator for the Northeast area command  
Dr. Winograd was on the agenda but will not be able to make the meeting tonight due to unforeseen events will be presenting in January

David Ley wanted to let MHRAC know that his company signed with APD and the City where they will be providing therapist support to the police department, and free internal counseling therapy to family members of APD. He doesn't think it is a conflict but wanted to let MHRAC know.  
Betty Whiton thinks the combination will be very valuable to the committee

**Approval of meeting minutes**

A motion was made by David Ley to approve November 2017 meeting minutes, motion was seconded and the minutes were approved with the amendments that had been previously sent to the Administrative Assistant.

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**Public Comment (two minutes per person, 15 minutes total)**

There is a lot going on in the city a lot of changes we will be discussing this tonight. There is a lot going on in the homeless community as well. Winter shelter is open and numbers are going jump due to the cold weather.

**Report and update from CIU, APD and Dr. Rosenbaum**

Lieutenant Wesley, we had a conference call with an organization called Ride Along and we are currently looking for a better way to track our data. Officers are required to fill out a CIT worksheet when they interact with people with mental illness and the department wants to use them more efficiently and are looking at other options.

eCIT: we are at 45% well over the 40%, a lot of great recruiting has happened Lawrence Saavedra has been a champion of the eCIT recruiting. The 40 hour CIT class just finished as well as another eCIT course and we are moving along nicely.

Nancy Koenigsberg, can you tell us more about the data collection? Per the CASA, we are trying to use the data for paragraphs 129 and 137, and looking for a better more efficient way of doing this. Information is coming from all sources it would be better to just have once source.

\*\*\*CASA paragraphs discussed above have been inserted below:

*129. APD shall collect data on the use of crisis intervention certified responders and CIU. This data will be collected for management purposes only and shall not include personal identifying information of subjects or complainants. APD shall collect the following data:*

- a) date, shift, and area command of the incident;*
- b) subject's age, race/ethnicity, and gender;*
- c) whether the subject was armed and the type of weapon;*
- d) whether the subject claims to be a U.S. military veteran;*
- e) name and badge number of crisis intervention certified responder or CIU detective on the scene;*
- f) whether a supervisor responded to the scene;*
- g) techniques or equipment used;*
- h) any injuries to officers, subjects, or others;*
- i) disposition of the encounter (e.g., arrest, citation, referral); and*
- j) a brief narrative of the event (if not included in any other document).*

*137. APD shall collect and analyze data to demonstrate the impact of and inform modifications to crisis prevention services. This data will be collected for management purposes only and shall not include personal identifying information of subjects or complainants. APD shall collect the following data:*

- a) number of individuals in the COAST and CIU case loads;*
- b) number of individuals receiving crisis prevention services;*
- c) date, shift, and area command of incidents or follow up encounters;*
- d) subject's age, race/ethnicity, and gender;*
- e) whether the subject claims to be a U.S. military veteran;*
- f) techniques or equipment used;*

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The recent CITclass had a lot of attendees with other agencies present: the army, probation and parole, Santa Ana reservation, FBI agents, Emergency Medical Services, the first mobile crisis clinician, and state police; the program is attracting a lot of attention. FBI agents receive very little training in mental health and there were two officers present, one from Albuquerque and one from Santa Fe, they were also able to critique a video that is used in the CIT training featuring the FBI.

Danny Whatley, any issues within the folks that you minister to due to the holidays? In Dr. Peter Winograd's data there is usually an increase in mental health calls and suicides around the holidays. Detective Matt Tinney, unfortunately as a unit we get difficult cases but at the same time people are taking in their family members during this time which can also generate more calls. David Ley, data shows that suicide rates actually increase in April rather than during the holidays.

DavidLey, it is very early under the new administration but is there anything that you can report regarding interim chiefs operations, or concern with how long it will take to fill open positions and such? Lieutenant Wesley, that is a bit above our pay grade when we are moved in a certain direction, we just make sure that we keep going and do the best we can to achieve our goals. Our Unit and mission are still the same, there are no real changes with that, we will just keep pushing forward.

### **New Membership**

Betty Whiton, we are supposed to have four peers on this committee and we only have had two. There is an official peer and Mike O'Connell is the official alternate peer, he is a veteran and attends all meetings regularly. Betty Whiton moved forward with a nomination for Mike O'Connell as an official member of the MHRAC, the nomination was seconded by David Ley. Mike O'Connell was voted in as a "dues paying member" of MHRAC.

Betty Whiton, then moved to nominate James Burton as an alternate peer member of the MHRAC committee, the nomination was seconded by Danny Whatley and James Burton was nominated in as a new alternate MHRAC board member.

Nancy Koenigsberg, moved forward with a nomination for a representative from Health Care for the Homeless to become a member of the committee. George Mercer, is the director of behavioral health. George Mercer is not present tonight but David Ley (who is on the HCH board) will reach out to Jenny Metzler, Executive Director to confirm. The nomination was seconded by David Ley, and Mr. Mercer was voted in by the board to become part of the council. If Mr. Mercer is not able to attend, he would probably have an alternate present to take his place, the organization, Health Care for the Homeless is being voting into the committee not a specific person.

Danny Whatley, we are going to create a temporary subcommittee to review membership and things of that nature, he will be approaching members to sit on the committee to see if they would like to participate.

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**Report and update from sub-committees**

**End of year reports have all been received from the subcommittees, Danny and rick will be putting them together and will send them out to the entire committee for review and then they will be sent in unless there are any issues that come up.**

**Training Subcommittee:**

Paula Burton, there will be no meeting this month, it will be cancelled as it falls on Christmas Day, if something urgent comes up please let us know. David Ley, one thing we will try and address in the upcoming year is that as the number APD officers grow, there is question as to what the department wants to do regarding the 40% of trained CIT officer's requirement, there will be a discussion and possible recommendation. Lieutenant Wesley, with the 40% of trained CIT officers' requirement we need to figure out how many calls we actually want them taking. NancyKoenigsberg, one of the monitors suggested developing a measure to see what number is necessary and in what capacity, this would be part of data collection to try and figure out what is enough. Maybe it is something that we can ask once Dr. Peter Winograd is here in January to figure how we can have eCIT officers available for all shifts. Lieutenant Wesley, this is all new there are no national standards, we are breaking new ground.

Cynthia Martinez, Dr. Peter Winograd is doing a staffing study because we are exploring new territory, it may take a little longer because of this but it is something that he is working on. Hopefully there will be more of an update to give come January.

**Information Committee:**

NancyKoenigsberg, now that the mobile crisis team is starting, we need to discuss information sharing policies and procedures as we do not know what those are at this time. We will need to start figuring this out.

A new St. Martins employee has started, she has been with the Crisis Intervention Unit starting training and she has passed the CIT course and the eCit course and is getting hands on training with clinicians.

Lieutenant Wesley, we are in the process of developing a chain of command for the mobile crisis teams, once this has been decided we will be reaching out.

Nancy Koenigsberg, we have not looked into the internal record keeping, how many sets of records are going to be kept, is this all one system? This is something that we need to look into to have a better understanding of where and how information is kept and who has access to the information.

Lieutenant Wesley nothing is going to change, we are still working together as a unit and are all still under Deputy Chief Garcia. AS far as sharing information, all will remain the same.

Nancy Koenigsberg, we just do not know how it all works, this is something that we need to look at to gain a better understanding. After the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year Nancy Koenigsberg would like to come for a visit to gain a better understanding.

Danny Whatley, has all Mobile Crisis staff bee hired? Lieutenant Wesley, no they are still in the process, there were 3 clinicians hired but 2 declined the positon. We are hoping to hire 3 more after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, it is a tough positon to take on.

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NancyKoenigsberg, will there be designated police officers? LT yes, there will be one eCIT officer riding with a clinician and they are dedicated to the teams.

Resource Committee

Elle Branden, we reviewed the annual report electronically, we have not had a peer in our subcommittee for some time our next meeting is Jan 9 at 1030. Robert Salazar offered to help with the resource subcommittee.

**Comments from Co-chairs**

Danny Whatley, this week the winter solstice is on the 21<sup>st</sup> we have a memorial service of those who have died due to homelessness and the list is huge. We will be celebrating at The Rock at Noon Day there will be a silent march starting at Health Care for the Homeless to the Rock at 1pm and the memorial service will start at 2pm. It is always good to have representation from the police department, it is not a political thing, and it is a memorial service. It will be this week, this Thursday. APD has always been there to help with the march and protect everyone and he appreciates APD.

End of year reports will all be worked on and will all be completed as soon as possible.

Nancy Koenigsberg, thank you to Mr. Chair for all he has done.

Danny Whatley said If you are interested in being a chair or sitting on the committee please let him know.

Paula Burton, wants to remind the committee that we still need to review the recent training curriculum that was sent out to all members and to send comments to Betty Whiton. Comments are open to everybody.

**Discussion of new Organizational Chart**

Deputy Chief Garcia was present to answer questions:

David Ley, what on here is new? Deputy Chief Garcia, there are now three deputy chiefs, they created the compliance bureau where they shifted and split off special opps to tactical and field services. Under the compliance bureau, the compliance division is still in flux. Bill Slauson was the executive director and was put in charge of compliance division but has submitted his resignation letter. Below that the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) and BSS (Behavioral Sciences Section) has been split, they want sworn supervising sworn and civilians supervising civilians. Dr. Rosenbaum, as a civilian, could not be involved in use of force issues, so now it goes through

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chain of command. We just hired a community outreach director, Gilbert Gallegos who has replaced Celina Espinoza.

David Ley, compliance previously was a division and now is a bureau? Compliance was under the administrative support bureau run by Bill Slason but there was never a division or a bureau, it is a new sector.

David Ley, expressed concern that they may not be connected enough to implement change. Also concerned that SWAT and CNT should still be connected with CIT training.

Deputy Chief Garcia reports directly to the Chief and will be working closely with all staff as well. Nancy Koenigsberg, splitting CIU and behavioral health, this is as we know a specialty area and there is such overlap between what everyone does, how is dividing it up helpful when so much of the work that has been done is to integrate all. Nancy Koenigsberg also questioned the training aspect, who now oversees the ongoing CIT training and who provides the clinical support? Deputy Chief Garcia, both still work for him and he has instructed that they continue to work together, they are critical, one relies on the other and they need to work together. There may be suggestions that he makes to the new administration as we progress, for example, peer support answering to the investigative bureau, it may be an oversight Deputy Chief Garcia thinks that the section should go under him or Doctor Rosenbaum. Deputy Chief Garcia is going to suggest that it be moved, however the changes should not change day to day business. He has spoken to Doctor Rosenbaum and Lieutenant Wesley, and we are still headed in the same direction as before and have to work together.

Nancy Koenigsberg, does that mean that Lieutenant Wesley and Doctor Rosenbaum are coordinating their work, we do not want to lose the work. Deputy Chief Garcia no, on thing that was an issue is that we had use of force and we were not sure what way it should go as Doctor Rosenbaum is not sworn or trained on use of force, this way it stays with sworn instead.

Deputy Chief Garcia has had a long relationship with the chief and is very confident in his ability to work well with the Compliance Bureau. He also has great relationships with all of the new deputy chiefs that have been appointed. He sees it as a very positive thing.

Nancy Koenigsberg, in terms of the compliance bureau, is this compliance with CASA? Deputy Chief Garcia yes it is directly related to the reform. Deputy Chief Garcia says he will have the resources to implement CASA reforms.

David Ley, do you feel that the current training division is going to work with you on this? So far yes, time will tell but Deputy Chief Garcia has been promised direct access to the Commander, Jimmy Collins. There are no longer major ranks, Major Tyler is no longer with the department.

Danny Whatley, before the MHRAC needed to connect with all upper ups and that may not be necessary anymore as we can work directly with Deputy Chief Garcia. Deputy Chief Garcia that

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is the case and we will also have access to his staff as well. The Chief and Deputy Chiefs feel are all on board and are all working together.

David Ley, the other divisions that we worked with is Tactical and SWAT, are there any changes to their structure? Deputy Chief Garcia, not that he is aware of at the same time Major Christman has retired. He is going to keep an eye on the division because they are 100% complaint and he wants to make sure it stays that way.

Deputy Chief Garcia is still working on building his staff, he is still involved in compliance as well. Commander Sullivan is still helping him with compliance but has to run special investigations.

Betty Whiton, we appreciate your constant attendance and support, the former Chief was invited over and over and never attended after he promised to attend. Will the training subcommittee work as it always has been? Deputy Chief Garcia, it will if anything changes please bring to his attention.

David Ley, where is 911 dispatch on the organizational chart? Deputy Chief Garcia, it is with the Communications division.

David Ley, on behalf of training subcommittee, are there any trainings related to behavioral health that we have not been able to review such as records division, or internal affairs? Deputy Chief Garcia no they do not, they get additional training but it is not behavioral health related.

Nancy Koenigsberg, Deputy Chief Garcia we are thrilled that you stayed and that you have been given the ability to do what you want to do and there are a lot of possibilities of what we can do. We are glad you are here.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

**Next meeting, 1/16/2017, 2017**