

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

Facilitators: Danny Whatley and Rick Miera  
Scribe: Karen Pool

Meeting called to order, quorum was met.

Due to short time between meetings, October's meeting minutes will be put up for approval at the December meeting.

Dr. Kunard, Associate Monitor, Department of Justice was introduced.

Dr. Dan Duhigg, DO, M.B.A from UNM School of Medicine was introduced as Dr. Carli Bonham's replacement.

Motion made by Dave Webster to accept Dr. Duhigg as Dr. Bonham's replacement.

Second to motion was made by Lt. Glenn St. Onge.

Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Tinney, APD/CIT advised that Dave Webster and Paula Burton have both attended the CIT training this week.

Public comment closed

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committees were reminded to turn in their preliminary reports.

**Information Sharing Committee:** Nancy Koenigsberg, Chair

The committee researched models from other entities to use as a template for the MHRAC needs. There were no models that fit our situation. Committee developed a proposal as to what happens next and will distribute it electronically.

Chair would like the committee to review the proposal so they can vote on it at the next meeting and take the final document to the City Attorney and/or the Mayor

## **Information Sharing Committee continued**

There was discussion on how and when to vote on the proposal. For meeting transparency the proposal will be distributed to the group for review and the vote will take place at the next meeting.

Based on the information provided by the Fire Department EMS Representative at the last meeting it is recommended that the Chief of Police and the Fire Department Chief sit down at the same table and develop a plan of cooperation. Chair called upon Commander Hansen to assist with this meeting and emphasized that the committee needs stakeholders with authority to make decisions and take action.

## **Resource Committee:** Mike Robertson, Chair

The challenge is how to make mental health resources available to APD along with the Community at large. Dr. Bonham, UNMH has a data base of resources. There is also the Network of Care which is a national database. It was determined that a database of local organizations with descriptions of specific services would be better. The challenge is how to keep it current. Was again suggested to survey field officers to see what works for them. Matt Tinney renewed his offer to develop and analyze the survey.

There was discussion on how to provide the data i.e. tri-fold paper list or online database. The preference is an online database.

The preliminary report will be submitted to Danny Whatley.

## **Training Committee:** Paula Burton, Chair

The committee has been slow to get started but has had two really good meetings. Chair advised they have been receiving a lot of material with no comment on what part of the material is for review. Please provide explanation and clarification when submitting material. There was discussion that COAST training should be combined with CIT instead of having two meetings.

Concerns around current training are:

- adding a Cultural Awareness class
- adding information on de-stigmatizing the homeless and mentally ill, mentally ill does not mean homeless and vice versa.

## **Training Committee continued**

Committee agrees with training 100 percent of field officers, with caveat that not all field officers want/or are good at, CIT. How do we make sure that the officers with a passion for this work are the officers included in the CIU. Dave Ley remarked to get everyone trained and then focus on those with a passion.

The Training Committee's next meeting is November 10, at 2pm

Betty Whiton advised she had gone with CIU on a ride-a-long and it was "Awesome". She recommends everyone should attend the training and go for a ride-a-long.

Motion was made by Betty Whiton that every voting member ride along with CIU and attend at least one day of training.

Second to motion was made by Lt. Glenn St. Onge.

Comment by Dave Ley regarding 'requiring' committee members to participate.

Amended motion made by Betty Whiton that every voting member is "strongly urged" to ride along with CIU and attend at least one day of training.

Second to motion by Lt. Glenn St. Onge

Motion approved.

## **REPORT FROM APD**

Lt. Glenn St. Onge

- There is a training class in progress this week and three more scheduled before the end of the year.
- CIU Detective Dave Baca retired and was replaced by Det. Terry Dye.
- Work has been done on House Bill 93 regarding state mandated training, officers can train online.
- Received a Mental Health Grant for six instructors who will be training December 7-11
- Lt. St. Onge would like to provide Mental Health First Aid Training to all field officers.
- Refresher for the training is every two years. The focus on training until then will be Training the cadets as the graduate from the Academy.
- Dr. Winograd's data collection is working well and would like to present it to MHRAC. Possibly for January's meeting.

- APD/CIU has submitted to do a presentation at the International CIT Conference in Chicago next April. They will find out if they were accepted next month.

## **REPORT FROM APD continued**

Dave Ley expressed concerns regarding the Chief issuing a policy on how and where CIT training is offered and the roll of the MHRAC. The auditor's report which came out recently addressed this point. Commander Hansen will follow up.

- Lt. St. Onge advised they have also brought back the Sergeant Coordinator for CIU to help with training and at some point they will be attending the MHRAC Meeting.
- MOU being established between Bernalillo Counter, Rio Rancho and APD do CIT and officers will be cross commissioned.
- Mobile Crisis teams are starting to work and they will be evaluating their effectiveness. Teams will be made up of one officer and a clinician.
- Currently working on funding for more clinicians.

At a future meeting Lt. St. Onge will provide a presentation on the analysis of the collected data.

Lt. St. Onge expressed his appreciate of Dr. Kunard and her associates.

### **Next Meeting will be:**

- Tuesday, December 15, 2015
- 5:00 p.m.
- @the Rock Noon Day

Meeting informally adjourned.