



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Valley Area Command Community Policing Council
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2018

Call to Order 6:00pm

Determination of a Quorum, Full Quorum

A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded...approved

A motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded...approved

Brief announcements

6:05 – 6:30 Report from Chris Sylvan on APD Chief Search

Chris Sylvan has requested thoughts from the community regarding the permanent Police Chief. He provided the CPC members a questioner. Chris proceeded to engage with the community and asked them a couple questions off the questionnaire form.

Community Engagement:

- Constitutional Policing, transparency and we need a Police Chief that is willing to be in the field at least 20% this time.
- Address the lack of penalty of offenders within the homeless community
- Prioritize the problems from the past and fix them
- Open to reform regardless weather or not the DOJ is enforcing the CASA
- Accountability to whoever they were supposed to be leading
- An open dialogue with the Police Chief or his reps on needs from the community. A more streamline way to communicate.

6:30-7:30 Presentation on substance abuse treatment for homeless people by Tim Bargas, One of the supervisors at the Bernalillo County Assessment and Treatment Services Center, and Dr. Sara Doorley Medical Director, at Healthcare for the Homeless

Health care for the homeless does a variety of things. They are considered an organization that struggle for social justice; they advocate for approved services...they do community training. They have some expertise in mental health first aid and declination. They are in their third year, located off first and mountain and their resource center is across the street. They were one of the original healthcare programs. They have five providers, ten exam rooms. They have a dental clinic with about 4 or 5 part time dentist. They have a needle exchange. They have one at their location every Thursday morning. They have case management, similar to housing vouchers. They do Behavioral Health in the form of Psyc Therapy, group Psyc Therapy, they do crisis intervention and behavioral health assessments. They serve about 7,000 people each year. They serve more males than females. Tim Bargas does a street outreach once a week, where he goes out with a nurse and reach out to folks sleeping in tents, etc. 50% have brain injuries, 75% of our homeless community experience

trauma. DV victim, mental illness and find that their illness can be very uncomfortable for them resulting in a block on attempting to seek help. We have homeless people that have been highly paid professionals. It's not just people with addictions, or mental illness.

Sara discussed how homeless people are dying at a younger rate (47-48 years old) without housing. There are many factors that lead to addiction. Family history, childhood lifestyle, personal choices. The treatment they offer in their programs. They have around 200 people that are on treatment currently. Everything we do is a harm reduction center.

Q: Do you help people get Medicare?

A: Yes, we have 3 or 4 client advocates that assist with services to help folks apply for Medicare, etc.

Q: Do you run into homeless people without identification?

A: Yes, that is our biggest issue. Every Friday we have an ID Clinic and the first 10 are offered assistance.

Discussed that the needle exchange is to decrease the amount of STD's, and it offers a clean needle for those folks who are not ready to stop yet and a lot of times they experience a chance when they want to quit.

Community Requests:

- Have a meeting revolved in full around APD
- A follow up meeting regarding the police chief search

7:30 Adjournment