

Community Dialogues on Mental Health – Greater Albuquerque Region



ACTION TEAM #2

RECOMMENDED ACTION REPORT

DATE: May 5, 2015

Team Lead: APD Lt. Sgt. Glenn St. Onge

Team Members: APD Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, including representation from consumers/families, advocates, providers, and City staff.

Recommended Action #2	Assess current COAST staff and response times to determine if there is a need for expansion of staff to meet 24/7 coverage.
RECOMMENDED SOLUTION	It is determined that a 24/7 COAST coverage is not feasible at this time due to referring services not available after 5 p.m. Rather, it is recommended that the City establish funds to enable officers to provide vouchers/gift cards to accommodate for necessities (shelter, food, etc.) via COAST until such services open. The funding stream (COAST CARE Funds) could be placed as seed monies in the existing nonprofit CIT Inc. or possibly DVRC, which was previously established to manage similar disbursements. Due to a lack of funding, the COAST CARE Fund disbursements were discontinued.
STATUS	This action aligns with the DOJ agreement for an APD Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. The team and committee are now integrated, with focus on creating solutions that lead to improved outcomes regarding police contact with mentally ill individuals as well as the homeless.
COSTS	\$20,000 to fund the COAST Care nonprofit for voucher/gift card purchases
IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE	July 2015 – June 2016: Committee meetings are held monthly, the 3 rd Tuesday from 5:30–7:30 p.m.
OTHER CoNSIDERATIONS	<p>The APD Behavioral Health Advisory Committee recently formed 4 subgroups. Following are the groups and the members of each:</p> <p>Training: Dr. Nils Rosenbaum, Lt. Glenn St. Onge, Det. Matt Tinney, Danny Whatley, Steve Bringe, Lisa Seepaul, Jay Crowe</p> <p>Information Exchange: Samantha Bentink, Nicole Duranceaux, Rick Miera, Nancy Koenigsberg, Ken Gilman David Ley</p> <p>Resources: Teva Gabis – Levine, Michele Franowsky, Betty Whiton, David Scrase, Mike Robertson, Jim Ogle</p> <p>Peers/Consumers/Advocates: TBD</p> <p>Recommendations and changes to policies, procedures, and training thus far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 95% of APD Field Officers are now CIT-certified; with plans for all APD uniformed officers to be CIT-certified. ▪ APD CIU has added two clinicians to its staff as well as two new detectives, with a third expected to transfer in September. ▪ It is recommended that all mental health “pick up” orders be placed with the CIU once staffing levels are adequate. ▪ APD CIU plans to increase staff from 6 to 12 detectives by November 2017 or as staffing study dictates.