

MHRAC Training Subcommittee Report

2019

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Pursuant to DOJ Consent decree: Paragraph 111: The Advisory Committee shall analyze and recommend appropriate changes to policies, procedures, and training methods regarding police contact with individuals with mental illness. Paragraph 113: The Advisory Committee shall also be responsible for ...identifying training needs, and providing guidance on effective response to a behavioral crisis event.

2019 Accomplishments of MHRAC Training Sub-Committee and CIU:

- The combined MHRAC and CIU training committee continued to review and advise on improving the CIT and Academy behavioral health trainings.
- The committee advised and reviewed the development of the eCIT recertification curriculum. Approximately 43% of field officers have received eCIT training.
- The CNT/SWAT Behavioral health curricula were reviewed and advised on by the committee, identifying ways to make material and concepts more accessible and person-centered. The committee assisted CNT in revising their BH training plan and completing a needs assessment.
- The Albuquerque CIT peer/family curriculum was adopted as a Signature Program by NAMI National.
- Training plans and curriculum for Mobile Crisis Team officers and therapists was reviewed and advised by committee. MCT training was completed and is ongoing, by APD CIU.
- A universal APD recommended form for use in Pick-Up Orders/Certificate for Evaluation was reviewed and amended, adopted by committee, and has been distributed throughout the city and Behavioral Health providers.
- The committee met with representatives from CNM regarding their training plan for cadets from APD. The committee advised APD on use of committee-reviewed training materials in training at CIU.

Training Subcommittee Future Goals/Priorities (over 2020):

- Work with CNT/SWAT to implement their own training curriculum
- Advise APD on process of cadet/academy training by CNM.
- Monitor training for expanded/ongoing Mobile Crisis Teams.
- Support engagement with other community resources on training, to facilitate cohesion and consistency across trainings provided by different entities within community.
- Support APD's implementation of the ECHO training model.

CIT ECHO Accomplishments [January-November 2019]

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) ECHO is a continuing education program developed by the Albuquerque Police Department and the University of New Mexico, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The program was originally funded through a three year grant (10/01/2015–9/30/2018) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice (2015-MO-BX-009). In 2018, CIT ECHO received supplemental funding from Behavioral Health Services Department New Mexico Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) Initiative to expand training related to opioid use disorder (OUD) and medication assisted treatments (MATs) to law enforcement. CIT ECHO is currently supported through City funding as well as the NM Higher Education Department, Research and Public Service Project Funding to continue providing ongoing training to public safety across the state.

CIT ECHO is a video-conferencing network that uses case debriefings and didactic training to promote CIT best practices among law enforcement and other emergency first responders. In 2019, CIT ECHO provided 48 continuing education sessions, delivering mental health and substance use disorder trainings to 130 members of public safety. Didactics topics included: *Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion; Opioid Use Disorder; Communicating with Medical Personnel; Civil Commitment; Psychiatric Advanced Directives; Psychosis; Autism; Fire-setting Behaviors and Psychiatric Disorders; PTSD; Delirium & Excited Delirium; and Interacting with Someone with an Intellectual Disability.*

The average number of people in attendance for CIT ECHO sessions was 22. Participants were predominately officers of the Albuquerque Police Department (n=79). However public safety agencies throughout the country attended as well, and included: Buffalo, NY Police Department; Chicago, IL Police Department; Gastonia, NC Police Department; King County, WA Sheriff's Office; Ontario Police College; and the Tennessee Department of Corrections, to name a few.

Presentations

Crisanti, A., Earheart, J., Melendrez, B., and Rosenbaum, N. (2019, August). *Responding to the Opioid Crisis: Training LEO on Opioid Use Disorders*. Presented at the 2019 CIT International Conference, Seattle WA.