

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Rick Miera, Executive Committee
Nils Rosenbaum, M.D., APD Behavioral Health Division
George Mercer, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless

Non-Voting members:

Deputy Chief E. Garcia
Sergeant D. Dosal, APD
Captain Salazar, Albuquerque Fire Dept.
Auditor: Cynthia Martinez, APD
Scribe: Shania Gallegos, APD

Absent:

David Webster, Bernalillo County Behavioral Health

Meeting called to order at 5:08 quorum of 15 was met at time of start.

Welcome first time guests

- Attorney Disability rights of New Mexico, Joe Turk
- AFD Captain, Martin Salazar, 505-768-9309
- AFD Captain, Nathaniel Meisner
- Veteran's Integration Center, Jennifer Smith
- Veteran's Integration Center, Erin Lilly NM

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.
Minutes and all that MHRAC puts into writing is available on the City Website:

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

AFD made a presentation on their "Hot map" that tracks all the mental health calls dispatched based off their code "25" which is code for mental health. (The Hot map will be attached to the back of the minutes.) The hot map date range is from January 17th of this year to current (April 2018). The way the map is set up is based off of addresses. The AFD dispatch calls are linked with APD. AFD responds to every APD call and often times are off scene before APD arrives depending on if they are needed or not. The way AFD calls are sent out and mapped out on the hot map are broken down by address, street or high way and school.

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Questions:

1. Who trains the Fire Department on how to assess and respond to mental health calls?
 - Department of Transportation makes the curriculum and provides training. Also, the Autism bill that was passed will be another component added to the measures.
 - We already have a Curriculum that has been built for the NM autism society.
2. Are there specific people in AFD that responds to mental health calls?
 - Everyone responds to the calls. There are not specific groups who respond
 - We do have a Peer support group.
3. Do you do a referral if there is a criminal act?
 - No they wouldn't be transferred off scene if criminal act suspected.
4. Where can you locate all the information related to the person you are being called out to?
 - We are on a Tiburon system like APD where we can look up the address and whatever information comes through in the CAD system.
 - all of this info can be broken down by specific individual patients, etc.
 - We also deal with HIPPA and ABQ Setting home, so we have a patient relationship.
5. Where do you see there are more calls for service related to mental health?
 - The majority of the mental health calls are residential houses.
6. Are those individuals at homes mostly driven by family members or self-referral?
 - In the CAD it lists who called, what time and the family member.
 - Single family residence are HIPPA related.
7. Dispatch is the one who determines who the call goes to. Police, fire or medical?
 - No one is transported without a report number
8. Does anyone maintain a data base for Bernalillo County 25 card emergency medical dispatch?
 - Bernalillo County does not have identical system. Paradise Hills, Irving, Unser-Universe are county, not within city boundaries.

Report and update from CIU, APD and Dr. Rosenbaum

Dr. Nils Rosenbaum spoke and updated us that there will be a spot opening up for a detective starting Thursday the 19th of April which will then fill the 12th detective spot. He gave a brief update on the ECIT class and how it went well. He also talked about the Mobile Crisis Team class and how that went well. Updated on the Behavioral Health Divisions semiannual meeting. Public Safety Officer Simon Drobik was there and gave good feedback. Dr. Rosenbaum also talked about the Mindfulness class that started today. The class is a mediation class for stress reduction. It will be for eight weeks. The Community Engagement Teams are operational but have not been open to the public yet. University of New Mexico Hospital will touch base within the next 24 hours to discuss opening to the public. Community Engagement teams are funded through the County's Behavioral Health.

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Report and update from sub-committees

Resource Subcommittee:

Ellen Braden Stated they are working on targeting resources that are available after hours. We will be reporting out next month a list of those.

Are there some motel vouchers that we can give out?

Danny: only 300 Available beds/spaces for people.

Information Subcommittee:

Nancy stated that the subcommittee is charged with figuring out how to share information within the context for protection confidentiality. Two weeks ago we started to go through the three policies that we believe are currently the frame work for the Mobile Crisis Teams. We started out with Behavioral Health policy (2-19), the use of On Body recording Devices (2-8) and the General APD records policy (2-16). Reviewing for how the policy shows how they all work together? We got through 7 of 2-19 pages and were trying to figure out now how to review the rest of this policy, cameras and records and see what suggestions we have about revising or clarify the existing policies. We want to provide the most useful information to the public. Our next meeting is scheduled for May but how do we move along faster than this? HW assignment on the 4 elements of the Crisis Intervention program. Subcommittee has been asked to be the primary reviewer of policies to make full recommendations. 2-19 is very unique as it is all behavioral health related. In the other policies, we can focus on those few areas. Cynthia Martinez will be working with her Lieutenant to get that going. We want to make the policy clear and transparent.

Training Subcommittee:

David Ley and Paula Burton stated that we meet and reviewed peer support and we continue to make good progress and working close with Behavioral Health. We are trying to get cross training with BCSO and APD. The Mobile Crisis Teams and training for them is a challenge with the County and sheriff's office.

Report and updated from C.O.A.S.T:

Rob Nelson touched on the continuities with outreach. He mentioned a new process they will possibly implement once they try it out. Each area command is different with homeless population. They intend to change each area commands outreaches to specifically target the area being that they are all different. Different needs for each outreach. For Example, the Valley area command is looking to set up for an hour or two where they come to us instead of us going to them. Because valley is within distance of the resources we are sending them to. They plan to set up a resource station once or twice to see how it goes before they pursue with this change.

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CIU SharePoint presentation – Nils Rosenbaum & Detective Tinney:

Detective Matt Tinney had a presentation of SharePoint which is the case management system for the Crisis Intervention Unit and COAST. Right now the field relies on the RTCC (Real Time Crime Center) to pull info and dispatch to them while they are on a call. In order to get to it you can visit the City website or the APD web page. Share point holds active safety bulletins (safety bulletins are for someone is actively in danger to others), on call lists, tips and techniques when it comes to a specific person. This is a system that keeps an update for the crisis intervention officers on who they visit and information about them. This system gets updated by manual input from officers.

Specific to safety concerns that law enforcement might have to reduce Use of Force. You can only access this through a city based computer and or phone. We control who edits the inputs but the downside there is a possibility of duplicates because every entry has to be entered. This only contains information from Crisis intervention unit. This is information that cannot be used on a report. This is not an official police report this is just case notes. Each person is responsible for their own case load. A total of 17 people entering information and supervisors would be editing. 12 detectives and 5 civilians. We do not put criminal information on this database because if this were to get released we would lose our rapport with the public. To be in the share point you have to be suspected or be living with a Behavioral health disorder. We try to only put people that we actually have information on.

Dr. Kunard of the monitoring team visited she wants to make sure MHRAC is sustainable making sure we maintained our membership. Looking into younger members.

MHRAC Membership Discussion:

Page 43- Paragraph 112 of the CASA.

We have had 3 applicants at this time. Currently we have 19 members and according to the last count we have 2 vacancies. The Subcommittees are open to anyone to attend and be part of the discussion. A recommendation was made that anyone that wants to be a potential board member should sit in on the subcommittee meetings first. When an inquiry comes in give the person the contact information and information needed to attend the subcommittee meeting.

Discussed the forming of a new subcommittee to look at creating/reviewing the bi-laws on how we are accepting new applicants. We might want to discuss CASA paragraph 112 with the parties, CABQ, APOD, DOJ, the process for new board members and request any feedback/direction based off the CASA paragraphs. Right now, only representatives of organization are on the MHRAC. Can there be others?

At this time there are five MHRAC members who are on the FIC (Forensic Intervention Consortium), which is focused on the “best Interests” of people with mental illness. What other groups are out there that we are not aware of? Who are we missing and do we get to choose who the other similar groups are?

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Use the minutes to send the letter to the parties.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm

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