

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Facilitators: Danny Whatley and Rick Miera
Scribe: Karen Pool

Meeting called to order, quorum was met.

First time attendees introduced themselves.

Motion made by Dave Ley to approve the March meeting minutes as written.
Comments from Nancy Koenigsberg to be filed with the minutes as an addendum.
Second by David Webster
Minutes approved.

Public Comment

Betty Ann Whiton advised that May is Mental Health Month. NAMI, Albuquerque Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Compassionate Touch Network are sponsoring *ART GROOVE* on May 13, from 5 to 9 pm at the Tortuga Gallery located at 901 Edith Blvd SE. The event will feature music, art and photography.

Positive Steps

Matt Tinney spoke about the latest CIT Training Class. It was a great success with participants from surrounding jurisdictions and organizations. John Barnum, the local President for NAMI hosted a pizza party on the last day of the class.

Comments from APD

Lt. Glenn St. Onge advised that they are moving forward with the Mobile Crisis Team roll out. He is requesting input on the structure of the program.

Dr. Peter Winograd gave an overview of a proposed electronic distribution of data to replace paper handouts. This data would be sent to the MHRAC Executive Committee for their disbursement.

Comments from APD cont.

The data packet would include but is not limited to the current status, org, chart, CIU caseload criteria, COAST caseload criteria, use of force, etc. This month's report shows no use of force contacts by CIU and only one use of force by the Field Services Bureau in a behavioral health call for service. APD is seeking input on how the data should be presented to make it user friendly.

CIU Detective Tasia Sullivan gave an overview of the nomination form for Enhanced CIT Officers. This form can be used and submitted by APD and Citizens who feel a particular officer demonstrated an aptitude in handling behavioral health calls. This would alert APD to persons who would benefit from further career path training. Tasia explained that it would not override but enhance the current APD hiring procedures and Collective Bargaining Agreement requirements.

CET Update and Information

Jim Ogle and Barri Roberts gave an update on the Bernalillo County Community Engagement Team. They are looking at a minimum of one team. The MHRAC and FIC groups will play an important role in development of these teams. Lt. St. Onge advised the ABCGC committees will suffice and it is not necessary for APD to form another subcommittee.

Open Discussion

Discussion and recommendations for SOP 2-13, Response to Mental Illness.

The CIU team have put a lot of time and effort into rewriting this SOP after the original was deemed totally inadequate by MHRAC. The deadline for input is Friday, April 22.

Comments included but were not limited to:

- Suggested sub-committee to collect input, organize and bring to the entire committee.
- Comment on consistency of terminology throughout the document.
- Distinguish difference in behaviors between mental health issues and disabilities.
- Challenge of putting too much in the document and having it read more like a training manual than a policy.

Comments and feedback should be submitted to Dave Whately before end of day Thursday. Comments need to reference specific page and paragraph. Karen Pool will compile these comments to be submitted on Friday.

Motion to adjourn by David Ley
2nd by Steve Bringe
Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting will be: Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 5:00 p.m., @the Rock Noon Day