

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 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 Rick Miera to approve the January meeting minutes as written.

Second by Ken Gillman

Minutes approved.

Public Comment

Jim Souter read a prepared public comment. Document is on file with meeting minutes.

Open Discussion Topics from the Executive Committee

Steve Bringe related a conversation he had with an officer who had gone through the CIU training and the officer gave the opinion that the training was too short.

Paula Burton expressed frustration that other groups are meeting with the City and DOJ and feels the MHRAC should be included in or have these type of meetings as well. MHRAC should have access to meet with upper command staff (Chief, City officials etc.) Needs to have access and input per the Consent Decree

MHRAC has not been involved with Policy and Procedure (P&P) development and needs the ability to review drafts of P&P from the beginning of development to final document. The Executive Committee has a list of drafts that they would like to receive in order to review. Deputy Chief Garcia offered to see if he can obtain these drafts for the MHRAC.

David Ley commented that the issue is they are going through informal channels for information which is not working and needs to change. Deputy

Chief Garcia advised he will see if he can get them involved in the Policy and Procedure Review Board (P&PRB). Major Tyler commented that with the 6 and 12 month review the P&P are evolving and MHRAC will have opportunities to be involved.

Open Discussion Topics from the Executive Committee Cont.

Steve Bringe advised that **(name Barnum)** has other obligations that interfere with her ability to attend all **(subcommittee meetings)**. He would like to have her husband John Barnum share this position with her and attend meetings when she has other obligations. They would still only have one vote between them for committee votes.

Motion made by Steve Bringe to have **name** and John Barnum serve jointly on the **(subcommittee)**

Second to motion by Daniel Ley.

Motion approved.

Nancy Koenigsberg presented a printed copy of an editorial which appeared in the Albuquerque Journal regarding the \$17 million dollar revenue stream for mental health treatment. Her concern is that there is no collaboration between Cities and the County in how these funds will be used. Margaret Chavez who represents the County assured the group that there is collaboration between the City and County Councils. To assist the task force with this work, Mike Robertson who is the Custodian of Records will make sure a copy of the MHRAC Report gets to the Task Force.

On the subject of committee members acting as spokespersons for the MHRAC, it is recommended that if anyone asks for information on what MHRAC is doing just invite them to attend the meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Committee: Paula Burton, David Ley, Co-Chair

Major Tyler attended the previous meeting and reviewed the CIU training curriculum for cadets at the Academy.

Next meeting is Monday, February 22, 2016, at 2:30, at the Family Advocacy Center.

Information Sharing Committee: Nancy Koenigsberg, Chair

Committee is at a standstill. They are not receiving information on the specific policies they are reviewing. Somewhere there is a disconnect that is keeping the information that they need from getting to them. Group

discussed software and procedures that would allow an upload to make this information available to anyone (MHRAC) to access and leave comment.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS continued

REPORT FROM MAJOR JESSICA TYLER, APD, DIRECTOR OF THE TRAINING ACADEMY

Major Tyler gave an overview of the training Cadets receive at the Academy. The training criteria are determined by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Code which is at the State level and APD cannot arbitrarily change these training standards. Per Major Tyler there is no set procedure for review and changing or updating these training criteria.

APD meets and/or exceeds these minimum training criteria set forth by the State. This training happens in the Academy at the Cadet level and also as continuing education for the field officers which can be classroom or on-line training segments. In both venues there is testing on the material covered. Many of the training areas overlap and are re-enforced in other training scenarios.

The state mandates 43 hours of Mental Health Training. APD currently teaches 57 hours as it relates to mental health issues they will encounter in the field and employee mental well-being from the stresses of the job and/or home life. Dr. Troy Rogers who is contracted as part of the Behavioral Sciences Division mainly covers the employee mental well-being and Dr. Nils Rosenbaum and the CIU cover the field response to mental health issues.

LT. GARCIA UPDATE ON SOP 2-42 POLICY DRAFT

Lt. Garcia is in charge of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). He discussed the draft of SOP 2-42 which covers HOSTAGE, BARRICADED SUBJECT, and AND SNIPER SITUATIONS. He advised this is a draft and cannot disseminate the document until DOJ approves.

He advised the CNT does not respond without tactical. The majority of APD is CIT Certified and the field responders have access to the CIU.

Steve Bringe expressed concerns that peers had not been included in the policy development and portions of the matrix on how each call was responded to.

There was extensive discussion and request for clarification of the policy.

Prior to meeting adjournment Dr. Troy Rogers wanted to go on record that he was offering to meet with anyone from MHRAC regarding the curriculum he covers with APD.

Meeting informally adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next Meeting will be:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m., @the Rock Noon Day