

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Facilitated by: Danny Whatley & Rick Miera

Agenda Item 1: CIT Training Updates

Lt. Glenn St. Onge reported the following:

Lt. Glenn St. Onge gave an update and current statistics gathered so far concerning the test squads for CIT contact sheet that lists the involved CIT individuals. The data report includes all required elements from the consent decree.

He also noted that the final draft of the mental health related Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) is available and can be directly requested from him (email Lt. St. Onge at <gstonge@cabq.gov>). They were sent to the Policy and Procedure Review Board (PPRB) which cut them from 17 pages to 2 pages. Lt. St. Onge says the material is still in the SOPs but has been moved to various locations within the SOPs. The procedure is that APD drafts policies, then sends them to the PPRB which in turns sends them to the City Attorney who then sends them to the Monitor for final review.

The Barricaded Subjects SOP is one that should come back to the MHRAC for review before the final draft is sent to the PPRB. It was decided that this will item on the August MHRAC meeting agenda. At that meeting Lt. Mizel Garcia will discuss APD's procedures for dealing with these situations. Dr. Rosenbaum reported that the Department's CIT training provided by Troy Evans and PSPG has been put on hold pending a review of training procedures, trainers, training curriculum, and related matters. Members of the MHRAC had previously expressed confusion with the CIT training procedures, especially matters concerning curriculum and training personnel. The Committee discussed specific concerns of members that relevant input on CIT training by the Committee was not being heeded by the Police Department. Particular concern was expressed about the development of the training curriculum and the exclusion of knowledgeable mental health professionals, family members and individuals (e.g. NAMI) in the training itself. As a result, it was suggested that CIU detectives, area hospitals representatives, mental health care providers, community members and the MHRAC be directly involved in creating CIT training.

Betty Whidon said Portland required all committee members to attend CIT training and to do a ride along with an officer. She suggested that MHRAC members do a ride-along with officers which would be a helpful way for the

MHRAC members to better understand CIT procedures, and thus to propose effective recommendations to enhance CIT training and practices.

Agenda Item 2: Review and Discussion of sub-committee roles and responsibilities

The Committee reviewed the status of sub-committees and updated the membership of each. Members were reminded that each member must sit on a sub-committee, according to MHRAC by-laws. The sub-committees' membership consists of:

Training - Steve Bringe & Paula Burton (Co-Chairs), Jim Ogle, Nils Rosenbaum, Robert Salazar, Jeremy Jaramillo, Dave Webster, Sgt. John Gonzales, Betty Whiton, Danny Whatley

Resources - Michael Robertson (Chair), Michele Franowsky, David Scrase, Jim Ogle, Caroline Bonham, Michael McConnell, Felicia Barnum and Yvette Garcia.

Information Exchange - Nancy Koenigsberg (Chair), Samantha Bentink, Nicole Duranceaux, Ken Gilman, David Ley, Rick Miera and Caroline Bonham.

Commander Hansen and Lt. Glenn St. Onge are available to assist the three subcommittees.

David Ley suggested we needed an additional section in the bylaws to address electronic communication within the MHRAC such as whether someone could participate by conference call and whether the MHRAC could vote through an e-mail poll. He offered to explore this and provide information to the MHRAC for further discussion.

Agenda Item 3. Review and discussion of bylaws.

Current bylaws state that "it shall be the responsibility of the MHRAC leadership to select a replacement member". Robert Salazar requested clarification as to whether this means that current co-chairs select member replacements. MHRAC committee agreed that current MHRAC leadership, Danny Whatley and Rick Miera, will appoint a member to replace Jay Crowe. . Danny Whatley asked for recommendations for replacement members. Suggestions included Jim Cochran and Dave Webster. Danny and Rick asked committee members to contact them with further suggestions and will make plans to appoint a replacement member.

A suggestion and motion was made to create an organizational chart to give a visual representation of the MHRAC, including the sub-committees. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4. Report from Co-Chairs about meeting with County Sheriff

Committee Co-Chairs (Danny Whatley and Rick Miera) had a meeting with the County Sheriff, and will be meeting with APD Chief Eden as soon as his schedule allows. They described what the MHRAC is and what the consent decree requires it to do. The chairs will give the Sheriff updates. The Sheriff reported that MOU- to combine BCSO, Rio Rancho & APD CIU, has been signed, to create a metro area crisis intervention system. The agencies are waiting to get Chief Geier to re-sign due to small wording changes.

Next meeting:

- August 18, 2015
- The Rock at Noon Day @5:00 p.m.
- Discussion on Article 3, Replacement of Members

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.