

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Co-Chair Danny Whatley, The Rock at Noon Day  
Rick Miera, Executive Committee  
Nils Rosenbaum, M.D., APD Behavioral Health  
Division  
Detective Matt Tinney, APD Crisis Intervention  
Unit  
Paula Burton, Peer Representative  
Ellen Braden, CABQ-Dept. of Family & Comm.  
Services  
Robert Salazar, NAMI/Peer Representative  
Michele Franowski, F I C  
Lieutenant Zach Wesley, APD CIU  
Betty Whiton, NAMI  
William Narrow, MD., M.P.H., UNM Dept. of  
Psychiatry  
Yvette Garcia, APD/C.O.A.S.T.  
David Ley, NM Solutions

Deputy Chief Eric Garcia  
Sergeant Diane Dosal, APD  
Bonnie Briones, APD  
Ben Melendrez, APD  
David Padilla, APD  
Robert Garnand, APD

Auditor: Cynthia Martinez, APD  
Scribe: Yvette Marentes, APD

**Absent:**

Steve Bringe, Peer Representative  
David Webster  
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM

Meeting called to order at 5:04 quorum of 10 was met at time of start.

**Welcome first time guests**

There were two first timers at the meeting from New Mexico coalition of homelessness, they do housing assessments.

Janelle Johnson, introduced herself, she is here with the Mayor's administration team, and they are happy to be here and wanted to make sure they have a strong presence at MHRAC right away. Danny Whatley informed her that they put together a page and a half synopsis of what MHRAC is doing and ran through the synopsis, C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Settlement Agreement,) page 42-52. Danny Whatley also informed Janell Johnson of the three subcommittees; the training, resource and information sharing subcommittees. They operate independently and then bring their actions to the MHRAC committee. In the CASA agreement, the makeup is spelled out specifically regarding who should be on the committee. In his opinion, it is the best thing that has come out of the CASA, it restores trust in the community and also keeps our officers safe in the field.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Motion made by Yvette Garcia to approve October 2017 meeting minutes, motion was seconded and the minutes were approved with the amendments that had been sent to the Administrative Assistant.

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

David Ley informed the group that he had invited representation from the new Mayors Transition team and they responded openly and happily. We have had great support from APD but we have never had the Chief come to a meeting and support us.

Janelle Johnson, Mayor Keller did make his announcements today, she is present as a representative of the Mayor's office and is here to listen; they think it is important to listen and to show up and have somebody present to show their commitment to what we are doing here at MHRAC. Janelle Johnson would like to extend and request that we let her or her office know if we want to be heard at the office when they get to the office on Friday, she will be the assistant to the CAO so any requests will probably be going through her anyway.

Danny Whatley, Rich Miera and he have been trying to resign as co-chairs and this will be the perfect time with the new administration. With the pervious mayor's office, they did not meet a lot with the mayor but have met with the administration. One of our goals for the new Chief is to create a more streamlined way to deal with policy review. The old system is not working and new administration should take a look at how policies are reviewed by legal, and when we submit recommendations, at this point, we are not even able to recognize the policy. Janelle Johnson they, did observe this at the DOJ (Department of Justice) hearing and she has read about the issue and it is ~~defiantly~~ ~~definatly~~ something that Mayor elect will like to discuss. Rick Miera, due to personal relationships we were comfortable contacting the Mayor's office, but it is important that we are allowed to discuss these policies and be there at the beginning and the end of the process. David Ley, stated he looks forward to open communication with the Mayor's office, he has seen a lot of progress he is hoping that we can see some change take place, this committee is here as a resource and he hopes that APD continues to use us as a resource.

The Board then went around the table and introduced themselves to Janelle Johnson so that she knew who everyone is and could relay that information to the Mayor Elect, Tim Keller.

**Report and update from CIU, APD and Dr. Rosenbaum**

Nils Rosenbaum, we have hired more detectives so we are now at 12, we have a new C.O.A.S.T. person and will be hiring another for a total of 5. Also, Deputy Chief Garcia will be staying on, he has been asked by the new Mayor elect, Tim Keller to stay and we also have a new Sergeant for the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU), Diane Dosal.

David Ley, 12 detectives is that what was requested? Yes there are 12 detectives with CIU, were are almost at 40% of the eCIT (enhanced Crisis Intervention Team.)

David Ley, that is 40% of not enough officers, as we hire more officers.

Nils Rosenbaum, one thing we have to do is a staffing study to justify the 40% and how we come up with that number. As the number of officers go up will we stay at 40% or drop down from there.

Nils Rosenbaum, the CIU went to Philadelphia and presented at project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) to show how eCIT is doing, we are going to want the group's advice and suggestions on project echo and all offers need to get rectified.

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Danny Whatley, stated he sat through the entire IMR-6 hearing and Dr. Ginger kept raving about the progress in the CIU department.

Matt Tinney, the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) class starts next week, and eCIT (enhanced Crisis Intervention Team) starts the week after. Saint Paul Minnesota is sending officers out here because they are trying to start a CIU unit; there was also a trainer from Texas that came out to review the training and the University of ~~Odawa~~-Ottawa in Canada wants to adopt our training module. It is nice that other departments are using us as an example and learning from us.

Danny Whatley, MHRAC would have not occurred without the CASA and the relationships that have developed has made our community better.

David Ley, did you ever talk to the committee about the success of the reverse drug stings, was this done again?

Yvette Garcia, C.O.A.S.T. was involved they went out and offered resources to these people and are trying to help these people get into services and programs. Deputy Chief Garcia, that is part of our whole unit now, they are being sure to offer jail diversion to the people that need it, it is now standard protocol.

Betty Whiton, wants to thank CIT training and the CIU because part of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) training is to have people with mental illness and family members talk on a panel. It is now going to be turned into a national program.

**Report and update from sub-committees**

Training Subcommittee:

David Ley, we have implemented a new process of regular review of the CIT training process, all mental health curriculum for all departments.

Paula Burton, this is to make sure training is consistent and also that it utilizes self-care for officers.

Cynthia Martinez, we put together a schedule, grouping the courses together for review and we review no more than 4 classes each month including scenarios and classes. This is an ongoing process, after review a formal letter is submitted to the behavioral health director with recommendations. APD then has 6 months to either implement the recommendation or say why they will not implement the recommendation and why.

David Ley, this process has been very effective and the organization of the process has been very helpful.

Paula Burton, we have a meeting tomorrow at 10am at the FAC

David Ley, we will be drafting the end of year report.

Information Committee

Nils Rosenbaum, we are meeting with UNM tomorrow to go over the MOU and go from an agreement to actual practice. The MOU should not change with new administration, however, we do need the new Chief to sign off on the MOU. The MOU is an agreement between the University of New Mexico and APD that allows the two entities to share information about certain patients to help them and get them into

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services. We give UNM a list of patients we are following and who can access the information. We have to get into the details of the agreement now, work out the details and come up with the list of people.

Deputy Chief Garcia, usually when there is a change in administration, the new administration should also sign off on it as a formality.

David Ley, there are historically some concerns about confidentiality and if we can effectively give that information to the department. We felt the department will be cautious, but are somewhat concerned with the future and who will take over.

Danny Whatley, wanted to discuss the policy of maintaining and sharing videos from the on body cameras when interacting with someone in Mental Crisis.

Rick Miera, there was a draft piece of legislation, 26.1, there should be something that addresses when a camera is on and it is a mental health situation. Officers have to turn on the camera which may have nothing to do with the patient, it all gets recorded and then is considered public information, there should be a time and a place where it should not be open to the public, as it is medical information. Family members should not be recorded when they are calling for support and discussing anything medical, it should not be public information.

Rick Miera, you all might have seen a proposal piece of legislation; he had a chance to look at it and legislative council did not do a good job of writing it, there will be another one written. Jim will be writing a letter to the editor addressing the journals concerns. We should fix the piece of legislation up and then put it back up for next year's session. The initial draft needed a lot of work and it should have been looked at before it was put out.

Paula Burton, the editorial put out by the journal was incorrect, the biggest obstacle and opposition to this article will be the press.

Danny Whatley, this is something that has gotten huge and is overwhelming to our police department. There is already an officer shortage, now these officers have to do all of these thing that takes them off of the streets, they cannot do an effective job. One thing that they realized was that the only group of people singled out in the community of the SOP for on body cameras was the people with mental illness. They confronted the DOJ who stated that they did that to protect the people that are in crisis. They took it to the judge to see if they can get it off of the SOP however it is still there and it has a lot of holes.

Resource Committee

Ellen Braden, as of last meeting we are part to the ongoing process for the resource cards that are distributed by APD. We now have a chair which is Ellen Braden and have voted in a co-chair which is Lieutenant Wesley.

In January we plan to review electronic resources and also the draft of our 2017 annual report.

**Discussion on APD Policies**

Cynthia Martinez, let's give the new administration another month to look at the policies. If there are any changes to the policies, she will send them out to the board.

Danny Whatley, we certainly do not want to go into any areas that we do not need to.

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Deputy Chief Garcia stated that he thinks that if we have the time to review any of the CASA related policies that we should if we have time.

Cynthia Martinez, we can make comments at any time and those comments are being tracked.

Deputy Chief Garcia stated he will be working with Cynthia Martinez to review the processes and talk to people who actually use them, he appreciates any input. At times it can be complicated, confusing and should be simplified.

**Comments from Co-chairs**

**a. End of year report discussion**

**b. MHRAC 2018**

**What does MHRAC look like in 2018?**

David Ley, are we at the point where we might consider bi-monthly meetings? Our agenda has gotten thinner over time, maybe we can move the meeting to every other month or quarterly. Be thinking about what MHRAC will look like, it is something that we will be discussing more in December.

Yvette Garcia, we have a new C.O.A.S.T. person that will be taking over her spot in the committee once he is fully trained to do so. There will be a formal resignation to the board in the next couple weeks.

**c. IMR6**

Danny Whatley, this was an all-day event, the courtroom was packed, and he encourages all to attend these meetings. Judge Back is an amazing judge, he seems to get to the issues pretty quickly. Areas were identified that need to be looked at and seemed to be very productive. The city got slammed really hard but it is not representative of our officers and their hard work. The Judge has all of the confidence in the world of APD and Dr. Ginger.

Rick Miera, taking a look at 2018, we should be looking at the amount of the type of services provided. If we have a shortage of treatment centers, what is that going to mean in a couple years? We have an opportunity to discuss this with many of the providers, we have a different ~~client~~cliente.

**i. Data Collection/Information Sharing ~ David Ley**

Paragraph 137 in the Decree, identified as being not in compliance regarding information sharing and data.

APD are presenting and seeing data, the question now is what are we doing with the data, how is it informing polices and how do we ensure that this is institutionalized. How do we continue to make sure that this data is being used in the future?

There is a critical need for sharing data, we need to know where crime is happening and be able to use that data.

How can we support in taking this data that is being presented and using it to impact policing?  
How do we use that data?

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Cynthia Martinez, Dr. Peter Winograd would be the best to answer the questions, he will be here next month. We are taking the data and using the data and working with the data. Deputy Chief Garcia, his plan is to use crime analyst in the real time crime center to do a deeper ~~analyzation~~ analysis of the data we need to see the root causes and dig deeper.

David Ley, policies have had to be developed stating this is where the data will be reviewed, and any recommendations of the data will be implemented or not. Does APD have policies regarding where and how the data will be reviewed? Deputy Chief Garcia, now that we are in the operational phase of the paragraphs, it is something that will start to be implemented. Basically this is the whole point of the CASA, this is going to be course of business not something that we are just doing to satisfy the DOJ.

Matt Tinney, currently in SOP the data is required to be submitted to MHRAC.

Nils Rosenbaum, we have talked about this and they are discussing in meetings how to go over the data to figure out how they are going to use it. There needs to be a protocol on converting it to useful information that can be read and digested.

Ellen Braden, what resources are available in these areas, the data should not just stop at this level. Maybe in 2018 we can look at how to expand this data city wide not just with APD.

Paula Burton, Foothills is an example of how we use the data and implement change, they saw the stats and responded. This is something has happened and is being implemented.

**Old Business**

Medicaid Letter discussed in October meeting: this letter was created and distributed prior to the deadline on 11/6/17.

Nils Rosenbaum, Desert Hills met at NW area command and they talked about some of the miscommunication a ~~filed~~ field officer will be going to the monthly meeting and will do a basic training on de-escalation. They got a better understanding as to what is going on in the area.

David Ley, Desert hills was declared a public nuisance because of how much they had been calling the police. Hopefully this will help some of those issues.

Nils Rosenbaum, they are being more stringent on who they accept and are screening a lot better.

David Ley, this is unfortunate when these people cannot get help because it causes an increase in violent ~~or~~ individuals, where do they go. He is concerned that we have a train wreck coming for people that need treatment that are unable to get it.

Danny Whatley, the issue is also ongoing with the homeless in the Rock at Noon Day area, they have had 13 broken windows, and there were 3 broken on Wednesday, all millennial age people. If they break windows, they lose the ability to come to The Rock.

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David Ley, is there something that the committee can do to put this on a future agenda and discuss this at another time?

Danny Whatley, yes we can take a new direction to address the homelessness issue, it all fits together, and is a huge issue, this could be something that we can discuss in 2018. This is definitely a direction that we need to go in, who deals with this violent section that law enforcement has to deal with. It is a tough discussion, but can be put on the agenda and is something that we need to discuss.

**Next meeting, 12/19/2017, 2017**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM