

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Facilitated by Lt. Glenn St. Onge

Meeting was started with a welcome from Lt. St. Onge and meeting attendee introductions.

Handout for meeting is the applicable portions of the USDOJ Settlement Agreement.

Lt. St. Onge provided a PowerPoint overview (a copy of which is included with these minutes). Purpose of this meeting is to facilitate defining and setting up the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee per paragraph 112 of the USDOJ Settlement. The DOJ intent is to have a group to provide suggestions for best practices and to bring expertise to the group that is not found within APD

The primary purpose of this meeting is to determine the scope and focus of the MHRAC. Items to be determined for this group are:

- Paragraph 112 includes a list of organizations to be included. How many and which organizations should be included in the committee
- The MHRAC has input and impact but not the final say in the development of a response team. Final determination lies with the USDOJ Monitor
- Paragraph 111 of the handout is a good beginning point to craft the mission statement.
- How it should be run
- Determine who will facilitate and who takes minutes. Should the meeting run per Roberts Rule of Order?
- Where to meet (APD location or somewhere else.)
- If and how families or interested community members would be involved (sitting member of committee or input taken via focus groups)
- Currently looking to University of New Mexico to facilitate.
- Discussion included a possible budget for paid personnel to be part of the committee (secretary, scribe etc.).
- The committee will also be responsible to prepare an end of year report which will be a public document.
- Regular meeting dates were set as the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:30 pm

Next meeting's agenda includes:

- Tasks, who brings what
- What is goal/mission (i.e. paragraph 111)

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Off topic points of information and discussion during the meeting included but not limited to:

- APD and Rio Rancho Police are in the process of developing a Memo of Understanding (MOU) to develop a metro wide response unit.
- Regarding APD's actions in response to the USDOJ Agreement is to have 100 percent of the department trained and certified in Crisis Intervention by April of 2015.
- APD is developing a Force Investigation Team (FIT) which will run parallel to Internal Affairs investigations as well as the multi-jurisdictional officer involved shooting investigation.
- Swat will no longer respond to suicide threats unless on scene command staff personnel make the determination that there is a threat to public safety.

Attendee list with phone numbers and email included

The next meeting will be:

Date: January 20, 2015,

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center
(large conference room)