

Mental Health Resource Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Facilitated by Dr. Caroline Bonham & Anita Briscoe

This meeting was focused on identifying members of the MHRAC steering committee.

David Ley shared cards that he developed based on feedback from a peer and an APD officer. These cards give basic information about PTSD as well as the Crisis Line Numbers. They can be handed to a law enforcement officer by someone who experiences PTSD symptoms in order to quickly communicate distress and a request for help.

CIT Update from Lt. St. Onge:

- Plans to visit Portland to examine their structures in response to DOJ.
- Anticipates that DOJ requirements will help improve APD.
- Development of APD Crisis Intervention Unit Newsletter for updates with the public.
- Acronym sheet was created to help better improve communication.
- 2 new COAST clinicians have been hired
- Members of Crisis Intervention Unit recently participated in additional training

Any follow-ups please connect with Lt. St. Onge

Update from Anita Briscoe:

- Met with gentlemen on March 12 from Tennessee who was involved in DOJ consent decree to learn more about their process.
- Have started to review and give feedback on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) previously disseminated by Lt. St. Onge
- Anita has offered to work with Troy Rodgers to provide education in schizophrenia
- City of Albuquerque has agreed to host a website for the Mental Health Resource Advisory Committee which will include minutes, information, and resources including the CIU newsletter. This website is currently in development

Large group was divided into four small working groups representing the following:

- APD/ City
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Peers/ Consumers
- Advocates/ Liaisons

Facilitators from UNM met with each small group to identify individuals who were interested in serving on the MHRAC steering committee. Steering committee members will contribute to the tasks identified in the DOJ consent decree and will make ongoing efforts to liaise with community members to understand priorities and to identify local experts who can contribute to the work of the MHRAC.

Through the facilitated small group process, the following individuals were identified to serve on the MHRAC steering committee:

- CIU Representative – Sgt. John R. Gonzales – CIU Representative
- Yvette Garcia – COAST representative
- Lt. Glenn St. Onge – APD Command Staff
- Dr. Nicole Duranceaux & Dr. Nils Rosenbaum - City-Contracted Mental Health Professionals
- Michael Robertson - Department of Family and Community Services
- Steve Bringe
- Robert Salazar
- John Campbell
- Jamie Campbell
- Betty Whiton - NAMI
- Nancy Koenigsberg – Disability Rights New Mexico
- Rick Miera
- David Ley – NM Solutions
- Danny Whatley – The Rock at Noon Day
- Jeremy Jaramillo – Agora Crisis Center
- Jay Crowe – Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
- Michele Franowski – nominated by Forensic Intervention Consortium

Members of the MHRAC who are also members of APD announced that they do not plan on voting on items directly related to APD but need to have input into these discussions.

Additionally, peer members of the MHRAC identified the following individuals who can be available for back ups or alternates if they are not available to participate in the MHRAC - Mike McConnell, Felicia Barnum, Douglas Frasier, and Carmon Riles.

Next Meeting:

- April 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m to be held at the Rock at Noon Day (Prospect & 2nd) 2400 2nd St. NW
- Next meeting will include a discussion of by-laws, steering committee structure and identification of small group tasks