

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

Facilitators: Danny Whatley and Rick Miera  
Scribe: Karen Pool

Meeting called to order, quorum was met.

Motion by Dave Webster to accept September meeting minutes as written  
Second to motion by Nils Rosenbaum  
Minutes accepted as written

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rosalind Cox introduced herself and advised she will be the President in 2016 for the Depression Bi-Polar Support Association (DBSA).

Motion by Glenn St. Onge to close Public Comment  
Second to motion by Dave Webster  
Public Comments closed

**REPORT FROM APD**

Glenn St. Onge, Lieutenant,  
Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU)/Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST)

Handouts:

- ✓ CIT Hotspots & Tables - drawn from police reports for months July through October
- ✓ Report on Calls for Service, Use of Force, and Transports to Hospital
- ✓ Class Schedule for CIT Training

Lt. St. Onge advised:

- Only one use of force in 172 behavioral health related calls for service for month of September.
- He will get copies of available police reports starting August 14, 2015 through September 20, 2015.
- The CIT contact sheets are working well.
- The State has approved Training for
  - Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
  - Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement
- Advised only 130 field officers are not CIT certified. Four classes have been scheduled before the end of the year which will achieve 100 percent field certification.

## **REPORT FROM APD continued**

- Dr. Kunard, the DOJ Monitor will be attending portions of the CIT class at the Police Academy. Committee members are welcome to sit in on the class. Please advise Lt. St. Onge or Sgt. John Gonzales if you will be attending so they will know how many to set up for.

Lt. St. Onge thanked all of the participants who helped develop the classes for the CIT course. The National Model (Memphis) was used as the template to develop the curriculum and is subject to updating.

## **INFORMATION SHARING NEEDS AND BARRIERS**

Nancy Koenigsberg and other members of the information attended a meeting with the Forensic Intervention Consortium (FIC) to hear about what kinds of information first responders want, i.e. what, when why, how much etc. There is no template for this information.

Dr. Nils Rosenbaum advised he has met with UNM Hospital lawyers and they are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will cover first responders being able to speak freely with them. UNM sees necessity for collaboration for patient, staff and first responder safety.

Peers discussed a proper approach regarding avoiding categorizing and labels which can negatively affect getting information from. Also, the content of the Advanced Psychiatric Directive makes it difficult to get information. It was suggested to provide a questionnaire for input and refinement to determine exactly what information is needed.

Matt Tinney advised that the hospitals will discuss more with COAST (civilians) than with CIT (law enforcement).

The representative from Albuquerque Fire Department EMS advised that, as certified medical care givers they follow HIPPA exclusively and they cannot share information. Responding Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) would have to obtain information from the patient. Challenge is that patients lie, or do not give all of the information. LEOs would have to be recognized as mental health providers to be eligible to receive medical information. This change would be difficult as it would have to be made with the collaboration of various department Secretaries at the State level.

Suggestion was made for creating a database, (with the cooperation of peers who have repeat contacts) with their information. Challenge with this is not

all peers will agree and some would not be included in the data base if it were a first contact.

Suggestion made to define emergencies where information can be released.

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## **INFORMATION SHARING NEEDS AND BARRIERS** continued

AFD representative Frank Soto advised that all AFD is CIT trained. They respond to 500 mental health patients a month. As health care providers they have access to patient information. They have responded to fewer calls since the Hyde murders [August 2015] due to concerns for responder safety. AFD feels that they should be dispatched earlier along with law enforcement. AFD EMS has a medical director and EMS operates under the medical director's license and solves the problem of access to medical records.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Resource Committee**

Mike Robertson, Committee Chair, reporting

- Identify and provide resources to APD
- Provide a database of information
- Network of Care has a statewide database which would be a good tool for field officers.
- Committee needs a better idea of what APD needs to move forward
- Would like an APD officer on the committee
- Suggestion to survey field officers to determine needs

#### **Information Sharing Committee**

Nancy Koenigsberg, Committee Chair reported

- BCSO is working on an information sharing database
- She will send link to Justice and Health Connects. Will also send links to various other services
- BCSO and APD should collaborate instead of duplicating efforts
- They are still researching systems
- MOUs and release of information sounds good but it needs to be defined
- Deborah Mann, private attorney who works with mental health and other provider agencies is interested in the topic; has been asked to attend next sub-committee meeting.

Lt. Glenn St. Onge provides monthly reports to DOJ and would like a paragraph from each sub-committee on what they are doing. November 14 is the deadline for the report. It was suggested to establish a standard (template) for sub-committee preliminary reports for consistency. The report

should list the committee members, their affiliation and committee goals and accomplishments.

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## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Information Sharing Committee** continued

Committee asked for clarification on DOJ deadlines. They heard that some of the deadlines had been extended. Commander Paul Hansen advised there is some confusion around which items are delayed and is still trying to get clarification.

### **Training Committee**

#### Committee Chair

- Committee membership was established from a list of names from July, however participation has been low.
- Anyone interested in joining the committee of providing input is invited to the next meeting on October 28, 2 pm at 2501 San Pedro, Uptown Plaza Building, Suite 212 the NAMI office.
- Discussion centered on APD/CIT curriculum.
- There was a recommendation for self care for APD officers
- They are working on making sure everyone is using a common 'language' when referring to peers. Do not label or denigrate.
- There are three APD members
- There is a lot of input but the committee is too small.
- Dave Ley offered to leave the Information Sharing committee to join the Training Committee.
- Matt Tinney and Dave Ley will help as co-chair.

#### **Next Meeting will be:**

- Tuesday, November 3, 2015
- 5:00 p.m.
- @the Rock Noon Day

The DOJ Monitor will be attending to see what training the members of the committee are getting (ride along, etc.)

Motion to Adjourn: David Ley

Second to Motion: Dave Webster

Meeting Adjourned

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