

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Facilitated By: Danny Whatley & Rick Miera

Meeting started off with checking if quorum was met to begin the meeting with, and the quorum was met.

Motion to approve amended August meeting minutes, motion was approved.

- **Public Comment**

Jim Ogle had been reading the input on training and asks why the AFD (Albuquerque Fire Department) is not a part of the committee? A suggestion was passed to invite someone from AFD to join us for our meeting.

Glenn St. Onge stated that APD has been working with AFD for the past year and he would reach out to high ranking AFD personnel.

David Ley's understanding was that there was legal action the other day that delayed some of the deadlines in the settlement agreement and was wondering how it would affect this committee, given that the report would have been due soon, is there a way they can find out how the delays affect this wait?

Paul Hansen responded stating they would be able to find out and has been some talk because of how long it took to get the monitors on board and to the meeting. Some have realized that we haven't been able to get going without the monitors.

Jim Ogle stated that we were asked by the county to deliver a set of recommendations or RFB, and a set of recommendations have been put together and were sent to the county and city as to what they want to do with it.

Rick Miera explained that the C.E.T. report encompasses an agreement, with the state of New Mexico, that they have given us some guidelines on where they think this could work not only in the County of Bernalillo, but any county or city, those that chose to do so in the state of New Mexico. The CET is moving along in that direction.

What does C.E.T. stand for? Community Engagement Team.

The officers will get to the Chairs in regards to timing, deadlines, and so forth.

Rick Miera noticed there was a meeting between some members of the city council and the monitor. How is the monitor situation coming along? Does that monitor only meet with certain people, at certain times, for certain reasons?

Paul Hansen responded stating that there are no certain times, just the timing when they come into town. We have a set deputy monitor for CIT area and she has been great and likes what the MHRAC is doing. Unfortunately, timing just keeps getting in the way. Monitor suggested she would like to see how we are functioning.

An idea has been brought to the committee to see if we can adjust one of the meeting days to work with the monitors' dates to meet with the actual monitor.

Motion to move meeting to November 3, 2015 @5:00 p.m. more or less, to meet with monitor. Motion not decided.

Steve Bringe has been appearing on talk and television shows talking about the MHRAC meeting. September 21, 2015 he will be talking about the meeting.

Jeremy Jaramillo discussed the Agora Crisis Center Semi-Colon Tattoo project, an Anti-Stigma event that will be hosted on September 26, 2015. Will be planning on doing over 600-700 tattoos that day. The period represents an end, stopping, or quitting. Semi-colon is a pause, but continues, perseverance.

Glenn St. Onge stated data from the CIT contact sheet is starting to come in. Starting to see a lot of good information of the data they're receiving. It is now live department wide. March to July, were only able to run test squads, and went live in July with the whole department. Last month, just in August, the department took 48,487 calls for service, not counting CIT calls for service, which was another 564. The CIU unit is also doing the contact sheet as well, which will be tracking the detectives as well, going to be able to track it easier.

SOP went back to PPRB, and all PPRB suggested to do was to change the definitions. Just a few grammatical changes. Added DSM5 definition for what a mental illness is defined as. Also wanted the CDC definition. The finished product has changed a bit, but just the grammatical fixes.

Jeanette Baca was under the impression that the POB was supposed to have a membership on the committee, but it doesn't state so anywhere in the settlement agreement. Would like to come as an observer and listen to conversations. They have identified executive director which was approved by the city council, Ed Harnes, which will be on board in 21-30 days. The entire police oversight board will be attending the National Oversight

Conference in October in Riverside, California. The entire CPOA agency staff is also going and hoping to learn a lot about dealing with the mentally ill. Next year, the National Oversight Board Conference will be held in Albuquerque! Will start looking at policy as well as police complaints. All the police oversight board members have completed all the training required by DOJ.

- **Sub-Committee Reports**

Resource Sub-Committee (Michael Robertson) – With the thought of using a website base system, Caroline Bonham had been a part of the subcommittee and is a part of the UNM program that developed the web base system that has a really good resource list. The New Mexico State Government has been working to develop a network of care, a web base system that's a national web base system used in a lot of other states, basically is a directory of all social services in the state. This is going to help the subcommittee on behalf of APD and the community as a resource directory. Has started this summer, fairly new, and putting in new data in the database. The New Mexico Crisis Access Line turning into a robust line, funded by the state, and to accompany all protocols for 24/7 service. There have also been some discussions with APD, AFD, & BCSO in diverting 911 calls that are non-emergency, to behavioral health specialists such as NM Crisis Access Line. NMCAL is also considering working with CET so they can also be used as a central point of contact.

Information Exchange Sub-Committee (Nicole Duranceaux) – Have been consistent with conference calls outside of the MHRAC and are working on setting up a guide to share between APD, providers, peers, consumers, and how to do that that's consistent between HIPPA and mental health code and peoples preferences. Next step is on the September 24, 2015, Rick had reached out to the FIC, attending meeting to talk to people that are directly involved, to what concerns or barriers they've had. Hopefully also what successes people have had with sharing information. Nicole Duranceaux has also been in contact with Glenn St. Onge about have the committee getting into contact with the CIU team to find out what the barriers are on the law enforcement side when they are resolving a crisis situation or a non-crisis situation, what information they share so that way it'll help us all speak the same language.

Training Sub-Committee (Steve Bringe) – Steve started off first stating that he would not be able to chair the subcommittee and if co-chair, Paula Burton, would be able to carry on. Paula stated that she will make an effort to get the committee going with support of committee. Have had a lot of input in terms of various committees and models starting with the Memphis model. Whenever the agenda was sent out, 15 different models that people wanted to consider, so they're going to have to meet and talk about what's important to carry on.

- **Update from APD on CIT Training**

Will get to the MHRAC about meeting with the monitor as soon as they hear about that. Their goal is to collaborate with as many people. Set up a format and then ask people to collaborate with APD and ask questions about it. Would like to have a training manual and a student manual. DOJ monitor made it clear that she wants the manuals to be sustainable if anyone of APD trainers leave (transfer/retire etc.). Making a lot progress and would like to get people in as soon as possible. Would like site visits, talking to UNM to start to arrange a site visit. Incorporate point of view of people living with mental illness, family members, and advocates. Overall goal of classes is safety, de-stigmatization, and community resources. Want to mention specific resources for the illness that they will be teaching. Going to start bi-monthly meetings and are open to people who are interested in training. APD was awarded a grant that CIU put in for, received a letter of support from the chief for the mental health first aid and receiving \$127,000 a year for 3 years and will be to up train instructors.

- **Report from Co-Chairs**

Discussion about individuals with mental illness that are in jail would be able to get out of jail and have resources available to them. Will be requesting that the state help in situations such as what is available to them and if need be, change the Medicaid laws. Asking if APD is receiving all the resources that we need? And if need be, the state or the city of Albuquerque would be able to provide those appropriate resources for the appropriate situations. Will be asking the state for a reasonable amount of resources, statewide for those jailed populations. Met with Dr. Ganard, assured the MHRAC that the MHRAC is the group to go to if any questions need to be answered. Still attempting to meet with Chief of Police.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

5:00 p.m., @the Rock Noon Day