

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

Via Zoom

Board Members/Proxy in Attendance

Ryan Delaware

Ellen Braden

Mary Perez

Chief E. Jaramillo/Chief C. Ortiz

Dr. Nicole Duranceaux

Robert Salazar

Dr. David Ley

Rachel Biggs

Jane Garland

Paula Burton

Scott Harmon

Wendy Linebrink-Allison

MHRAC Co-Chair

Health, Housing, Homelessness

UNM Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Albuquerque Fire Department

APD Behavioral Sciences Section

Peer Support

NM Solutions

Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless

NAMI

Peer Support

APD Crisis Intervention Division

Presbyterian Health Plan

Board Members Absent

Cmdr. Bartlett

Dr. Lindstrom

Mariela Ruiz-Angel

Bernice Varela

Introduction to MHRAC

The Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) was created by the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA). We've been around since day one and focus on three areas: resources, and resources being available to access different things within the city that APD and first responders can use as they impact homelessness and mental health issues. We are also involved in training and policy; training is one area where we have had a tremendous impact, particularly on the training that is offered. Policies are one of those things where the MHRAC is involved with assisting in writing, approving, and recommending policy as it relates to the narrow focus; we think narrow, but sometimes it gets pretty wide-focused on how law enforcement interacts with those experiencing homelessness and those experiencing a mental health crisis.

Attendance of Board Members

Roll call was not taken for this meeting.

Welcome First-Time Guests

Scott Harmon – APD CIU Detective

Barbara Berry – Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless

Melissa Heinz – Envine Solutions

Rebecca Walter – Envine Solutions

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1st Motion – David Ley

2nd Motion – Mary Perez

The MHRAC board members in attendance approved the minutes from the October 2025 meeting.

Public Comment

None

New Member Nomination

Barbara Berry, with Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless, was nominated

1st Motion – David Ley

2nd Motion – Ryan Delaware

The nomination was approved by all board members in attendance.

Envive Solutions, NM Statewide Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Presentation, Rebecca Walter

- Envive Solutions is a behavioral health consultancy based in Albuquerque and working on a project in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH). Envive would like to get input and any interest in joining the project or helping to advise the work that is being done.
- Envive Solutions is launching a 3-year Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) project_with the NMDOH to analyze overdose deaths and identify systemic prevention gaps and generate prevention recommendations. Scope: Primarily opioid-focused but not exclusive.
- 2025: Planning, infrastructure development, and stakeholder outreach.
 - Spring 2026: Panelist training and mock OFR.
 - Fall 2026: Regular monthly/bimonthly OFR meetings begin.
- The OFR seeks 30–40 panelists from diverse fields (law enforcement, SUD providers, peers) and geographic diversity (rural/frontier areas), to analyze case studies. Currently 24 committed
- Data Sources Suggested:
 - 988 Crisis Line: Review records for prior engagement → Contact Rosella Sanchez (Director) via BHSD.
 - State Police: Key contact for statewide Naloxone tracking and connections to other agencies.
 - DEA: Potential contact for local officers.
 - 911 Centers: Data on emergency calls → Contact Stephen Leungle (NM Dept. of Finance).
 - Poison Control: Data on overdose calls → Dr. Warrick (UNM) is already committed to the panel.
 - Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams: Data on overdoses among clients.

Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) Update, Walter Adams

- Winter Transport: Emergency overnight transport (8 p.m.–7 a.m.) to shelters is active.
- Academy: Current class of 10 responders graduates Dec 12; will begin on-the-job training.
- Community Event: The second annual Trunk or Treat had over 1,000 attendees.

Gateway Center and Health, Housing, & Homelessness Update, Ellen Braden

- Winter Shelter: Overflow shelter planning is underway, triggered by Gateway West capacity and low temperatures.
- Gateway Center: Added space in men's and women's programs, prioritizing transfers from Gateway West.
- Medical Sobering: Served 128 clients year-to-date; positive client feedback was reported.

APD, CIU, and BSS Update, Cmdr. Bartlett, Sgt. Tinney, Sgt. Bludworth & Dr. Duranceaux

- We had training for the telecommunicators at the 911 center.
 - We finished that training for the year, and we will start back up in 2026.
- MCT Officer Berg is back from FMLA, and MCT Officer Rhodes started FMLA.
- APD CIU Update: October Stats: 400 referrals → 87 responses → 49 diversions to ACS.
- CIU will be a part of a Tact Plan at the Gateway Center.
- Community Misperception: APD officers are often mistaken for ICE.
 - Clarification: APD does not work with ICE. Officers wear a distinct patch (on the left shoulder) to identify themselves.
- The RFP for mental health services for APD personnel closed on October 30.
 - Status: Multiple proposals were received. The scoring committee meets this week, with an announcement expected soon.

Training and Infoshare Subcommittee

- Training & Info Share Subcommittee
- Recent Work: Reviewed policies and training plans.
- Future Plan: Train ACS on the new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) project from NM Solutions and UNM.
- Meeting Schedule: Meets last Monday of the month (10–11:30 a.m.); December is off.

MHRAC Final Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

The next MHRAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Recording of this MHRAC meeting is available upon request; email bvigil-gallegos@cabq.gov.