

MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: June 1, 2016 Location: 1801 Fox Drive
Time: 1:15 PM Meeting Type: CRPC
Facilitator: Claudia Lennhoff

Present: Allen Jones, Sheila Ferguson, Karee Voges, Bruce Barnard, Lauren Weisbaum, Mike Benner, Jim McGuire, Mark Driscoll, Nancy Carter, Julia Rietz, Roger Holland, Lori Hansen, Chris Garcia, Brian Tison, Monica Cherry, Jeff Christensen, Gail Raney, Celeste Blodgett

Absent: Jamie Stevens

Community Observers: None

Call to Order

Lennhoff called the meeting to order.

Introductions

The meeting started with introductions. Lauren Weisbaum, Marketing Coordinator from Rosecrance, Rosita Byrd, Intern at Community Elements (CE), and Lori Hansen, who is taking over as the Court Administrator when Roger Holland vacates the position later this month, attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Participation

The meeting was opened to observers for comment. No observers were present.

Community Input

Process & Timeline

A series of focus group questions has been developed, and was tested at the preceding Reentry Council meeting. In addition to conducting focus groups, surveys will be made available to those with a known email address, as well as through a link to Survey Monkey posted on the Sheriff's Office website. Further, one or two public meetings will be held. And, previously gathered information recorded during public meetings that focused on this issue, held by the Sheriff's Office in the fall of 2015, will also be referenced.

It is anticipated that this information gathering process will be concluded by September 2016. At that time, the JMHCP project will move into a system mapping process.

Letter to the Editor

Bruce Barnard, Sheila Ferguson, and Allen Jones submitted a Letter to the Editor at the News Gazette, to raise awareness of this issue: those with mental illness coming into contact with local law enforcement and the county jail. To date, the letter has not run, and there is no word on when it will.

Focus Group Questions

Jones noted a change is needed regarding the language used in the questions, from “criminal justice system” to “law enforcement.” The rationale being, the JMHCP project is meant to focus on the front-end of this issue, specifically the target population’s interaction with law enforcement on the street and detainment in the jail.

Some members of the Committee noted that the first questions may be uncomfortable to answer in a group of strangers. The question asked for a show of hands to indicate how many either have or know someone who has a MHD and has been held in jail, and/or have or know someone who has a SUD and has been held in jail. The purpose of the question is to understand the perspective of those providing feedback. Some individuals could feel empowered by answering this question, still the question and methodology for gathering this information will be revisited. For example, conducting an anonymous survey in advance may be a better method for gathering this information.

It will be possible to fill out the survey before participating in a focus group, and the CRPC will see the survey before it goes out. It should be noted that, as grantees, we are not obligated to do this; it is an effort on our part to ensure holistic community involvement.

Prioritized Groups

The CRPC was provided the list of groups to be targeted for information gathering. The purpose in approaching these groups is to update the community, educate and raise awareness on what the JMHCP project is trying to accomplish, as well as gather input from groups that are representative of the whole community.

The Committee was asked to provide additional suggestions of any groups thought to have relevant information were excluded. It was suggested to add civic and business groups, such as the Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce, to the list, to broaden the community focus. It was suggested that proprietors be asked how mental illness or substance use has affected their business. Through their involvement, some individuals in this group may be willing to provide meeting space for some project activities.

Fraternities and sororities are often targeted, and it was suggested that these be replaced with the U of I Student Senate, which has communicated an interest in this issue. In addition, there are a variety of University resources (The Counseling Center, DRES, and Dean of Students Center) that should be included in this. Also, the Continuum of Care, and Promise Healthcare which can be reached through the IPLAN group that is already meeting should be contacted. CRPC members may be able to facilitate contact with other

groups in which they take part. Feedback will be gathered from people with lived experience, and the questions may be asked to those contacted about the Reentry Program.

Jail Screening Flow Chart

The CRPC was provided with a snapshot of a rough flow chart, to illustrate what the initial screening process will look like at the jail. Screening, specifically, is the focus of this process. We will not know if someone meets the definition of mental *illness* until an assessment has been completed, which is at the bottom of the screening process. Screening is expected to cast a broader net, and not everyone flagged at screening will be assessed as having a mental health and/or substance use disorder.

Will the approximately 20% of people who refuse screening, and/or those who are screened as a result of a request from jail administration, a record in Data Link, or a record of the individual as a (former or current) client in a BH agency system, skew the data? Dr. Zhang, the Data Consultant for this project, will need to address this question. Further, the jail will work with the healthcare vendor, Correct Care Solutions (CCS), to streamline the process.

Once the screens for mental illness and substance use are better in place, we will address the requirement to screen for recidivism risk.

SUD Definition Discussion

We will be defining *substance use disorder* in an upcoming meeting. Likely, an existing definition will be proposed, as was the definition for *mental illness* that was adopted by the CRPC, for the purposes of this project.

Old Business

None

New Business

Data-Driven Justice Initiative Community Workshop

Jones updated the Committee about an upcoming event at the White House that Lynn Canfield of the CCMHB, applied for. The event is providing a group of Champaign County stakeholders the opportunity to attend a one-day workshop to meet with other community groups from around the U.S. and discuss data sharing projects and possibilities, regarding information sharing between healthcare and criminal justice systems, to improve public health and safety. Allen, Lynn, Julia Rietz, and Rick Snider will be participating in the event.

Complete Exercise 3 & 4 in P&I Guide

Core team members are working to complete Exercises 3 and 4 in the Guide provided by our TA Providers.

SIM Intercept One Mapping Event

Blodgett updated the Committee about an upcoming Intercept One Mapping Exercise that Lynn Canfield of the CCMHB applied for. Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) will facilitate the two-hour event virtually (via webinar and conference call), for Champaign County with two other U.S. counties. The event will take place at CEs' Fox Drive location, on Tuesday, July 12th. Individuals will be invited to participate, based on a list of required agencies/organizations/programs supplied by PRA.

Announcements

Carter announced that the Mental Illness Awareness (MIA) Chicken Car Tour has launched. Penske donated a truck to the cause, and three individuals are travelling around the U.S. with the Chicken Car in tow, inviting individuals to come to the Chicken Car to learn about, tell their own stories about, and build awareness of mental illness. The tour will conclude in July at the NAMI National Convention in Colorado.

The meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.