

MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: July 6, 2016 Location: 1801 Fox Drive
Time: 1:15 PM Meeting Type: CRPC
Facilitator: Claudia Lennhoff

Present: Allen Jones, Karee Voges, Bruce Barnard, Saijun Zhang, Joe Gordon, Mike Benner, Jim McGuire, Mark Driscoll, Nancy Carter, Julia Rietz, Lori Hansen, Chris Garcia, Brian Tison, Jeff Christensen, Gail Raney, Jamie Stevens, Rosita Byrd, Celeste Blodgett

Absent: Sheila Ferguson, Monica Cherry

Community Observers: Bert Stabler, Bobbi Trist, Unknown (came late)

Call to Order

Lennhoff called the meeting to order.

Introductions

The meeting started with introductions. Saijun Zhang, Data Consultant for the JMHCP project and Independent Researcher and Evaluator from the University of Illinois and Joe Gordon the Director of Probation and Court Services joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting, and the motion was seconded; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Participation

The meeting was opened to allow comments from observers. Bert Stabler, from Build Programs Not Jails, voiced concern over the composition of the CRPC, the time spent on defining mental illness, and the timetable for the project.

Data-Driven Justice Initiative Community Workshop

Jones and Rietz, in addition to a summary submitted by Champaign County Administrator, Rick Snider, updated the Committee about a one-day workshop at the White House, for which Champaign County was one of 55 jurisdictions chosen to participate.

During the workshop, local stakeholders met with other similarly comprised groups from communities throughout the United States. Participants broke into small workgroups to discuss data collection and information sharing challenges, projects and possibilities, among health/behavioral health systems and the criminal justice system.

The experience conveyed the realization that Champaign County may actually be working toward developing Intercept 0 or a *pre-arrest diversion* option. That is, the diversion process may work to divert individuals before they enter the system. Further, some of the efforts throughout the country are not law-enforcement-based. In many instances, supports are community-based and reinforced by family support. It must also be noted that in other areas, such as Bexar County, Texas, the state laws are different than those of Illinois. And, these differences significantly impact the abilities and limitations related to information sharing.

Participation in the workshop underscored the reality that when working to develop a diversion-focused process, simply creating a location is insufficient. The location, to which persons with mental illness and/or substance use disorders are diverted from the criminal justice system, must be replete with resources and appropriate staffing. Otherwise, diverted individuals will not obtain the support needed to address their needs and break the cycle of recidivism. Finally, local stakeholders were encouraged by their observation that communities throughout the US are experiencing similar challenges to those faced here, and that Champaign County is at the forefront working to address these issues.

Substance Use Disorder Definition

The CRPC was provided with a definition for the term Substance Use Disorder (SUD), adapted from SAMHSA that mirrored the definition for mental illness. As such, SUD is defined as the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs that causes clinically and functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home and when an individual experiences impaired control, social impairment, risky use, and pharmacological criteria defined in the DSM-5

A motion was made to approve the SUD definition, and the motion was seconded; the SUD definition was unanimously approved.

Risk Needs Assessment Discussion

The CRPC was provided with information about the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) risk needs assessment, as well as the screening version (LSI-R: SV). The LSI-R is a validated instrument used to determine level of criminogenic risk or risk of recidivism for individuals. As a requirement of the JMHCP grant, we need to develop a process for screening and tracking risk of recidivism. In addition to being a validated instrument, the LSI-R is used by Champaign County Probation. Therefore, it makes sense to perpetuate use of this tool.

The Probation department will share booked individuals' LSI-R results with providers at the jail, for anyone who has completed the LSI-R in the past six months. If there is no LSI-R on file with Probation, the LSI-R: SV will be administered by providers at the jail, at the time the ISF is administered by Rosecrance staff when screening for mental health disorders or at the time the Gains SS is administered by Prairie Center staff when screening for substance use disorders.

A motion was made to approve the use of the LSI-R/LSI-R: SV, and the motion was seconded; the instrument was unanimously approved.

Jones noted that the jail does not have the capability to house all of the information that will be collected from administering the various screenings. There will likely need to be a separate database to house this information, particularly for those providers co-located in the jail. Providers can enter data into some systems, such as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), but firewalls protect private information. This conversation needs to be had with the Healthcare Exchange. Zhang stated that privacy laws relate to most critical information. Dispatch data is outside of law enforcement. We need to better understand the mechanics of information sharing under Illinois law.

Community Input

Focus Group Questions – Final Approval

Finalized Focus Group Questions were provided to the CRPC. The questions will be used to collect consistent data from multiple focus groups, as well as comprise an online survey.

Public Meeting Schedule

Public input sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th and Wednesday, August 24th, from 6-7:30pm, at the Champaign Public Library, in Robeson Rooms A and B.

While providing an opportunity for community input is not required by the JMHCP grant, the sessions are being offered in an effort to collect as much community input as possible during the planning process.

Old Business

None

New Business

Intercept One Mapping

An Intercept One Mapping Exercise, conducted by Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) will take place, on Tuesday, July 12th. Individuals are invited to participate, based on a list of required agencies/organizations/programs supplied by PRA.

Begin Exercise 5 – P&I Guide

The votes that took place today, approving the definition of SUD, and the LSI-R:SV for criminogenic screening in the jail, completes our requirements for Exercise 3 in the P& I Guide. In addition, that which is required for Exercise 4 in the Guide, involving flags and data tracking, has been explored to the best of our ability at this time. In light of this, we are moving forward in the Guide to Exercise 5.

The meeting concluded at 2:17 p.m.