

MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: May 3, 2017 Location: 1801 Fox Drive
Time: 1:15 PM Meeting Type: CRPC
Facilitator: Claudia Lennhoff

Present: Sheila Ferguson, Allen Jones, Gail Raney, Karee Voges, Jim McGuire, Pius Weibel, Mike Benner, Diane Zell, Monica Cherry, Chris Garcia, Brian Tison, Lori Hansen, Mark Driscoll, Bruce Barnard, Celeste Blodgett

Absent: Jeff Christensen, Julia Rietz, Jamie Stevens, Saijun Zhang

Community Observers: Dottie Vura-Weis, Patti Petrie

Call to Order

Lennhoff called the meeting to order.

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and stated their affiliation.

Approval of Minutes

Changes were communicated prior to the meeting, specifically changing the language used during Public Participation from “bond and sentencing decisions” to “pretrial decisions.” A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting with the corrections, and the motion was seconded; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Participation

Vura-Weis discussed her insistence on the language “pretrial decisions,” regarding her statement during Public Participation at the April meeting, and stated that the Illinois Supreme Court recently issued a press release concerning its position on pretrial services/risk assessment, specifically the PSA which is being piloted in three IL counties. Barnard stated that all risk assessments were developed from the same body of research, for use at various junctures throughout the criminal justice system, and that pretrial risk assessment is not being considered for implementation in Champaign County at this time.

CC SIM Map & Report Review

We were charged with completing a SIM map of Champaign County, for which a draft copy of the finalized version was provided to the CRPC for review a few weeks in advance of this meeting. This document should be viewed as a point-in-time report, as a number of items have shifted due to implementation of recommendations and new processes. Next steps include reviewing the report for corrections, and identifying evidence-based practices to address the identified gaps.

The discussion was opened up to the CRPC to ask questions or make suggested changes. Zell asked a number of questions regarding the meeting minutes. Tison verbally provided

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updated CIT data, which, as of April 1st, will be more accessible in the ARMS data management system. Both, this updated data and the ability to track it are examples of the shifting information since completion of the Champaign County SIM report.

Strategic Plan P&I Guide Ex. 9

Our TA Providers are pushing us to complete the P&I Guide, and Exercise 9 still needs to be addressed. In order to accomplish this, Barnard suggested the CRPC break into subgroups based on the four stated goals – 1) reduce bookings; 2) decrease length of stay; 3) increase linkage to community-based services; and 4) reduce recidivism – and meet outside of the regular monthly meeting. This suggestion included the caveat that the CRPC not meet during the month of June, and plan to report out on each subgroup discussion at the July meetings. Everyone agreed and stated their interest for the respective subgroups in which they wish to take part.

Old Business

Driscoll asked for a progress report on the JMHCP Planning grant budget. Jones provided numbers verbally, and said he would follow-up with appropriate parties.

New Business

Zell inquired about our chances of receiving the JMHCP Implementation grant. Barnard stated his belief that it was a solid proposal and noted that we have remained on track with our planning grant. As such, it seems promising that the application will be successful. However, federal grants are always highly competitive and a relatively small number of proposals are funded.

Barnard and Blodgett traveled to Rapid City, SD at the end of April, for a Pennington County Justice Peer Exchange. There were approximately 25 individuals from a dozen or so counties that took part. Some items of interest included: Pennington is a MacArthur grantee and has a young adult diversion program, operated exclusively by the State's Attorney's Office; Pennington County and Rapid City have each committed \$1M to developing an assessment center (Center), modeled after the one in Bexar County, TX; programs within the Center will be operated by a mix of county and NGOs; the Center is approximated to cost \$14M; RSAT is operated as a detention facility by the Sheriff's Office at a separate designated facility; Crisis Response will move to the Center building; Pennington reported on jurisdictional issues, unlike anything we experience in Champaign County, as a result of multiple Native American Reservations within the county; criminal justice stakeholders there have been meeting, informally, for 20 years, and, the chief judge is heavily involved in all activities; approximately 12% of the population is Native American, but constitutes 58% of the jail population; it seems they have invested a significant amount of time and money into the Center, without significant needs data, a sustainability plan was not discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2017.

The meeting concluded at 2:08pm.