



## MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jones discussed recent participation in a workshop with peer communities, in which three different CIT approaches were highlighted, and asked if something new or better for our community arises in the future, how it would be handled. For example, would the former subgroups need to reconvene? Barnard responded that this would be one mechanism of the Behavioral Health and Justice Coordinating Council, proposed in the JMHCP Implementation grant. Lennhoff noted that the proposed recommendations provide an identified path for future developments with the ability to make modifications.

A handout with a grid from Exercise 9 in the P&I Guide, with responses to the questions posed, was provided to the Committee. Some discussion was had about the point-in-time nature of the responses in the Guide, as some items changed as the planning process progressed. Ultimately, it was decided that changes would be noted, with contextual references for clarity, in a final report.

Exercise 10 focused on fidelity of identified evidence-based practices/programs that are in place and/or proposed (Motivational Interviewing, BJMHS and TCUDS screenings in the jail, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and the LSI-R). The CRPC was provided with a separate handout, in addition to this grid from the Guide. In essence, the handout served as an outline of a training schedule with refresher trainings planned, as it is understood that training once is not sufficient when putting new programming in place. The plan indicated the offices, agencies, and personnel that would receive training, as well as the levels of training each would receive, for each of the models indicated. Trainers were not identified.

Exercise 11 focused on assessing sustainability of the implementation plan, in the jurisdiction. This exercise was completed by April 2017 and has been provided to the CRPC since then. The group was asked if there was any feedback regarding it. There was none. A motion was made to approve Exercises 9, 10, and 11 in the P & I Guide, thus completion of the Guide in its entirety, and the motion was seconded; completion of the P&I Guide was unanimously approved.

### **Sharing Recommendations Publicly**

During the information gathering phase of the project, in which two public meetings and various focus groups were held, Barnard and Lennhoff made clear that the CRPC would share the outcomes of this planning process with the community. As such, public presentations need to be arranged to disseminate this information to the Champaign County Board, the CC Mental Health Board, both City Councils, and an open meeting in the community.

Jones stated that this is a politicized subject and that other issues, such as the escalation of violence, are of higher concern to the community. Further, Jones stated that the final report, as well as the finalized SIM report with the newly suggested revisions, needs to be released before presentations are given. Barnard stated that revisions and presentations will have to be completed by the end of September, as the grant is scheduled to conclude then.

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Jones recommended applying for a no-cost three-month extension to the grant, to refine and present materials. Ferguson stated this may not be a feasible option due to other financial considerations affecting RCU. Jones stated the Sheriff's Office would be willing to execute a contract to retain JMHCP staff under an extension, in order to complete the process in the suggested manner.

Lenhoff stated that the CRPC's community response relies on various agencies' priorities, which are affected by their funding streams and the changes that occur. The CRPC needs to be able to articulate functioning within this context, and remind people this was a planning grant, what the task was, and that we implemented a data collection process during this project.

Barnard stated that the CRPC needs to reaffirm its commitment to CIT and communicate that the jail does not currently have the capacity to support the programming that should be in the jail. McGuire added that this planning initiative has been a successful and collaborative effort from a variety of stakeholders that see this issue from many angles.

Tison stated that he, Ferguson, and Cherry attended the recently held National CIT Conference, and that it served as a valuable reminder that Champaign County is much further along, with regard to these issues, than most communities. Often, he and his colleagues are looked to as subject matter experts during these events.

The group agreed it was not currently in a position to schedule public presentations. Blodgett and Barnard will refine reports and disseminate these to the CRPC for review, in advance of the next CRPC meeting.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### *Dr. Zhang's Status*

Dr. Zhang accepted a position at the University of Mississippi. His last day working with the JMHCP grant was July 31<sup>st</sup>. McGuire recommended the CRPC send Dr. Zhang a letter of appreciation for his great work and contribution to this effort. The group agreed. Blodgett will draft the letter.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2017.

The meeting concluded at 2:21 pm.