



## MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Transition to BHJCC

Barnard stated the intent to rework this body into a new body, according to one of the recommendations put forth by this group. However, there is an issue of staffing support for the new body, as this will not occur without the JMHCP Implementation grant. There is a level of commitment needed to make the transition. In light of this, we must consider what it will look like, who will be chairing the meeting, and how information will flow, taking into account the data points from the different groups such as the CIT Steering Committee and the Reentry Council, to the BHJCC.

This can be done without staffing support. However, to carry efforts forward, what would that look like? The group should consider that it is not just administrative support, but people that have gained knowledge in this field, and have provided information to inform the process. Lennhoff discussed sustainability and pace; particularly taking into account the intention to add new stakeholders, stating that this will be challenging to do without staffing.

Ferguson added that, in addition to transitioning the body to the next phase, there are recommendations from this group about how to move the initiative forward which need to be taken into account. Lennhoff stated that there are no guarantees of federal funding, and even if it is awarded, it is not adequate to see this work through. Federal funding, at best, is meant to support a local initiative, not fund it altogether.

This is a community need. Thus, community support is required. Christensen asked how these efforts are supported in other communities. Barnard stated that the Leadership Academy he recently attended, involved participants from various jurisdictions. In some communities a county employee supports these efforts and maintains relationships with BH providers. There was a lot of momentum behind this work nationally, which was kicked-off by the Stepping Up Initiative. In different jurisdictions, different agencies and offices have taken up this work, including Probation, the State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, and more. It looks different in each community.

Lennhoff stated that funding must be sought to support this work. Zell inquired about funding from charitable foundations or local philanthropists. Barnard stated that while he was taking questions from CCMHB members, during the recent JMHCP presentation, it became clear that many people look at this issue as something a program will solve. In fact, the recommendations from the CRPC indicate the need for broad system change, which must come from multiple stakeholders in the community. Therefore, this work needs to be viewed as a multitude of initiatives that will affect change throughout the sequential intercept model (SIM), including Intercept 0 – prevention.

Jones voiced his agreement, stating that there has been a complete planning phase in which the issues have been studied and analyzed. As such, there is no reason not to move this work forward. It has required research, administration, and staffing. Now, the need is to focus on the findings detailed in the final report. The group is not proposing a program. The recommendations call for expanding capacity, inclusiveness of the reentry group, shared process functioning, and measured outcomes. And, some evidence of change is

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becoming apparent. To date, this work has been heavily reliant on Rosecrance and staffing.

Driscoll asked about the status of the McLean County initiative with a similar focus that is operated by a similar committee to the BHJCC being proposed. Blodgett stated that McLean is in the midst of a \$39M jail addition, to better accommodate the needs of inmates with mental illness and behavioral health needs.

Barnard discussed the data that had been mapped during the SIM exercises that were completed this past year. Noting that it is necessary to know how many people booked into the jail are screened, and how many are referred for services. Meaningful information is needed and must be constructed in such a way that actionable decisions can be made, based upon it. But, there is no central authority.

Lennhoff stated that there need to be solutions to the stated issues and funding possibilities. Jones asked what the proposed funding would support. Lennhoff stated the funding is needed for staffing and that various organizations have interest in this work and attend meetings. Staffing continuity and progress is possible, as we look to build the BHJCC and conduct outreach to engage new parties. There is also a data piece. We must be able to define problems in order to identify appropriate solutions. There are many assumptions about what is needed, what grant money is used for. Zell asked what a realistic figure is.

The JMHCP Implementation grant application included implementation of the LSI-R at the jail and continued .5FTE staff to assist the BHJCC. Jones stated that there is no reason for the group to stop meeting; that Brookens Center is an option for meetings. Staffing may be worked out. There will need to be some form of funding to implement a risk-needs-responsivity assessment. None of this changes the capacity in the community.

Lennhoff stated that staffing continuity, particularly by those with a special area of knowledge, hopefully, can continue in some form or another. There must be some minimum amount to continue staffing. From experience, when CCHCC has had staff turnover, there is a loss of specialized knowledge and expertise that is lost. If possible, we should work to prevent losing the momentum that has been gained. More conversations about this will likely occur outside of this meeting.

Lennhoff also stated that the hospitals are part of the community, and, as such, have a Community Benefit Obligation. In her experience, hospitals do not do all the work themselves, but support - through funding, providing resources, and sharing expertise - various community health improvement activities. That said, we need to figure out how to organize some support for the needs surrounding this work.

Barnard discussed the technical assistance that was also provided as part of this planning grant, as it was immensely helpful and needs to be part of a sustainability conversation. Technical assistance will be necessary, particularly if staffing is lost.

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### **Public Presentations**

One presentation, to the CCMHB, has been provided. It was well-received. Driscoll stated that representation on the proposed BHJCC was a concern; in particular, the CCMHB would like to see broader consumer representation on the Council. This feedback should be kept in mind as the transition is being made. Presentations to the County Board and in the Public still need to be scheduled. Dates of availability are still needed from Jones and Ferguson.

Lenhoff stated that other avenues were employed to gather input from the community and consumers, including surveys and focus groups – including one focus group in the jail. Going forward, additional opportunities for input will be created.

### **Screening Referral Update**

JMHCP staff met with the Jail Administrator and correctional staff to discuss and troubleshoot issues that are occurring with the Access database. At this point, correctional staff have reverted to completing screenings on paper. The information gathered is fed into a decision making process. People, who need to be referred, are.

The APA has been contacted, regarding updates concerning their e-screening process. However, no information is forthcoming at this time. It seems they, too, have encountered difficulties. Therefore, there is still no opportunity to step into the system they are working to develop, as a pilot for our community. Barnard highlighted that it has been a substantial commitment by the Sheriff's Office to make the validated screenings happen.

### **Leadership Academy**

Barnard attended a Leadership Academy in New York City, in September. It was an opportunity to meet with jurisdictions doing this work, most of which had a position responsible for doing this work. Something that came out of the discussions was the need to capture data indicating whether or not there was a chargeable offense. This data point, specifically, will help us better understand the effectiveness of CIT. One jurisdiction shared the unique predicament of having voucher funding for housing, but BH providers unwilling to engage in the effort. Driscoll inquired about jurisdiction size of participants. It was varied. For example, Oregon took part as a statewide initiative.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### *Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant*

Is the County interested in pursuing this newly released NOFO? It is focused on adult diversion. A Letter of Intent is due October 16<sup>th</sup>. The application is due October 30<sup>th</sup>. Weibel asked what part of the County could apply: CCMHB, CCRPC, or CCSO. Any county agency can apply.

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Zell asked for details. If awarded, this would be a \$30K planning grant for a 6-month period in 2018. The requirements for an ARI implementation grant are not feasible, here, at this time. Rietz stated that the ARI grant is focused on decreasing incarceration, and that the Judiciary is not in favor.

Jones stated that he is looking for a bridge from here to next spring, until the next JMHCP Implementation grant. However, there is not representation from the Cities, and they need to take part in the conversation in building out the BHJCC. It was noted that Christensen attends on behalf of all the police chiefs. Christensen asked if JMHCP has been presented at the Community Coalition, as it may be an avenue to get the CRPC's recommendations out to the community. October 11<sup>th</sup> is the Coalition meeting.

Driscoll stated that the CCMHB is conducting a needs assessment, which will include an online survey. Hardcopies of the survey will also be provided. Information is being sought from providers, interested parties, stakeholders, individuals with lived experience, etc. More information will be forthcoming as it is available.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2017. The meeting concluded at 2:13 pm.