MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATON

Date: August 2, 2017 Location: 1801 Fox Drive

Time: 1:15 PM Meeting Type: CRPC

Facilitator: Claudia Lennhoff

Present: Allen Jones, Sheila Ferguson, Bruce Barnard, Monica Cherry, Mike Brenner, Jim McGuire, Mark Driscoll, Chris Garcia, Jeff Christensen, Brian Tison, Lori Hansen, Gail Raney, Celeste Blodgett

Absent: Karee Voges, Pius Weibel, Julia Rietz, Jamie Stevens, Diane Zell

Community Observers: Beth Visel, Julia Robinson

Call to Order

Lennhoff called the meeting to order.

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and stated their affiliation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting, and the motion was seconded; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Participation

None

Finalize P&I Guide Ex. 9, 10, 11

Barnard provided an overview of the process that resulted in the proposed recommendations, which were the focus of Exercise 9. Subgroups, categorized by the four key goals of the initiative, met to discuss available data and information gathered throughout the focus group process, existing resources, and needed resources that would most impact identified gaps. Priorities were established in each of these meetings and became the recommendations of the CRPC.

Some priorities include preservation of resources that are in place, and better utilization and/or expansion of existing resources, such as increased awareness and use of the Premise Alert System; expansion of CIT Training to include dispatchers; and expansion of reentry programming, specifically for the reentry population with behavioral health needs. Other priorities involve development of new resources, specifically a Co-Responder Model, and implementing validated risk-needs-responsivity assessment earlier in the CJ process, particularly for those who are indicated, via validated screening(s), as having a mental health or co-occurring substance use disorder.

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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 Reconation 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.

Lennhoff 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 31st. 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.