



## MEETING MINUTES – CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

the Whole meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. And, a public forum is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Champaign Public Library.

### **Screening Referral Update**

Program staff, along with Voges and Correctional staff leading the validated screening efforts at booking, participated on a conference call with the APA. When program staff had originally learned of the APA's intent to develop an e-screening application (April 2016), with the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen and Texas Christian University Drug Screen, we had wanted to take part in piloting the tool. However, when we were prepared to roll it out, the APA was not ready to go live with the tool.

At that time, Dr. Zhang, the Data Consultant working under this grant, developed an Access database that the jail could use and house locally which would function like the tool the APA was working to develop. As a result, the jail rolled out the e-screens in March. However, due to complications with shortcuts, developed for use by multiple officers at once, there soon were problems with this method that resulted in screening data not being captured. Ultimately, the jail reverted to using paper screening forms to collect data from the validated screens administered at booking.

The APA is now working on larger project, the ultimate focus of which is to create a repository of national prevalence data of persons with mental illness and/or substance use disorders booked into county jails. As the APA continues their work, they offered to assist the Champaign County Jail with troubleshooting data tracking and analysis issues resulting from collecting data via hardcopy screens.

We will continue to pursue help and advice from the APA. At the time of this meeting, less than one month's worth of data from the jail captured via the hardcopy screenings. When it is available, the local data being collected will be analyzed and shared.

### **BHJCC Discussion**

This is the last meeting of the CRPC. As such, the group discussed transitioning from the CRPC to what has been envisioned as the BHJCC. The County did not receive implementation funding for the JMHCP grant, but stakeholders do not want to lose the progress that has been made. With that in mind, Lennhoff asked what going forward with a BHJCC would look like, who would be on it, what agencies and groups would be represented, and how to sustain it.

Lennhoff stressed that this should not be a volunteer endeavor, as staff tends to drive things forward, which can easily fall away with volunteer efforts. The work that has been done and knowledge gained should be built on. While it was helpful to get the DOJ grant, it was not meant to supplant local support needed to address local needs.

Barnard stated that the planning process articulated the need for system change and not a program. As such, some mechanism for coordination and planning, such as an oversight council, is necessary. How it is convened or who convenes it is less important than its existence, and that the mission remains the focus.

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Weibel stated that we need to figure out where and how to house it and staff it, at least part-time. Lennhoff stated that there is a list of entities involved. With a minimal budget, we should ask for some funding from each, and pool it to continue this work. It would increase the role of stakeholders.

Jones stated that if the funding came from the public sector, who would house it and be responsible for it. Business discussions need to be had with RCU. The Sheriff's Office was considering funding this, but are now looking for resources themselves, as cuts are planned, which Jones would advocate for over this.

Barnard stated that collaboration is needed by both public and private agencies. Often what happens is if something is "housed" in a specific location, it becomes perceived as that agency's project. Whoever convenes the BHJCC needs to articulate the intent to openly collaborate. McGuire listed Regional Planning Commission, the Public Health or CCMHB as possible conveners. Jones and Hansen recently had a conference call with ICJIA who wanted to know the activities taking place in Champaign County. Perhaps support from the state could be possible.

Expansion of the Council is the goal, in addition to those convened now, there needs to be representation from the CIT steering Committee, the Reentry Council, the Cities, primary healthcare providers (the hospitals and Frances Nelson), and a citizen representative. Jones stated that the commitment needs to be for one year - until the award announcement of JMHCP Implementation grants in 2018, for which the County will reapply in the spring.

The only groups with stability are RPC, and CCMHB. Canfield pointed out that RPC has 11 different grant funding cycles, and that CCMHB would be the most stable. She said this option could be explored further at an upcoming meeting with program staff.

Lennhoff asked for next steps. Perhaps documents should be developed that explain what has been done and what we are trying to do, so that agency representatives have something in writing to take to their boards. Barnard emphasized the need to focus on system change and not a program. Canfield cautioned around that terminology based on the CCMHB's previous experience. Lennhoff cautioned against the naïve need for a building, when the real need is services, and reliable, knowledgeable staff to provide them.

Weibel stated that a theoretical budget is necessary. Barnard stated that this can be derived from the budget proposed for the implementation grant. Lennhoff asked if the group should try to meet again in December. Lennhoff and Barnard would be functioning as volunteers at that point, as the work would no longer be operating under the JMHCP planning grant. Jones agreed to meet. Lennhoff asked if the group can continue to meet at RCU's Fox Drive location. Blodgett will defer to Ferguson with the request.

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### **Old Business**

Canfield noted that some of what is going on is parallel to the work that she has been doing with NACO and NACBHDD, and includes technical support from Bexar Co. Jones stated he will participate in an upcoming peer-to-peer exchange in AZ, and just did some consulting work with Montgomery Co. Jail in Dayton, OH.

### **New Business**

Claudia stated that open enrollment starts today, through December 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the site will be closed on Sundays for “maintenance,” making the enrollment period less than 45 days. Visit <http://www.healthcareconsumers.org/> for more information.

Barnard thanked everyone for their work, stating that he has been involved in this work since 1974, and that this is the most comprehensive effort he’s been involved in to date and that he very much would like to see the partnerships continue.

The meeting concluded at 2:07 pm.