

Notes - County Diversion Data Gathering Effort

Attendees: Lori Fleming, Chief Mike Evans, Sheriff Nole, John Nowak, Anna McEnery, Lori Fleming

Diversion Data Effort - Discussion**Discussion:**

- John Nowak noted CHIP would like to establish a baseline for Mental Health and Substance Use calls in our county from which to measure the success of a Crisis Stabilization Center, or an enhanced Navigator program – or some other solution. The key is to affect consistency between our agencies on the data we are collecting, ideally before we put any changes in place.
- Sheriff Nole gave an overview of the Clallam / Jefferson effort to combine JeffCom & PenCom, the public safety communications system for Fire and Law Enforcement. Expect inter-operability by the end of the year. These two counties are on the same records management system and generate reports the same way. Currently when first responders go on a call, there is a disposition code that gets assigned. The group is working to standardize these disposition codes. (Sheriff Nole is on the JeffCom Board.) Chief Evans and Andy (?PTPD?) are attending the meeting. EJFR (?Chief Walkowski?) is going to the “fire” side meetings on this same effort.
- Chief Evans outlined there is disposition code for Mental Health currently. He worked with his team by addressing the need to use the code both in writing and at multiple mandatory staff meetings - to explain why officers need to use those codes. The "why" is - because we want a facility to take people to - and that will make the law enforcement/first responder's job easier in the long run. This effort will also help to get a sense of trends that might correlate with other factors to explain raising numbers. Jail data will tell a good story from his side. Jud's PTPD data will tell a good story from that side. , it will be to our advantage when chasing grants to be able to run this consistent bit of data
- Anytime drugs or alcohol are involved, no matter how slight the officers are coding it. In the last two weeks PTPD has had more MHSU calls than traffic stops. So tracking is getting solid at City. The next goal is to have that same data coding/collection happen at the County Law Enforcement and EJFR.
- Chief Evans noted it is really as simple as clicking a box, once you have the team on board with the idea – which can take time.

Action

- Sheriff Nole to advance data collection on the County side:
- Brett is on vacation til next week, then as soon as he is back, Sheriff Nole will get Brett/Jason (the records Management gurus) together to clarify “this is what PTPD is doing, how they’re doing it and how/what was communicated in terms of direction to the officers.”
- Sheriff communicate with the Under Sheriff, Sargent/ Officers/Deputies to “click the box”..
- Appropriate players will follow-up repeatedly with organization members to ensure the instruction is being followed.
- Sheriff Nole, Chief Evans and Chief Walkowski will report out on progress toward consistent data collection and the data, as they have it at
 - @ 8/8 BHC Meeting
 - @ 9/12 BHC Meeting
 - etc...at each BHC meeting

(Evans noted there is a report - Josh Atchison will know where this is - that you can just press a button to print out.)

- Chief Evans mentioned Jud Haynes has some hi-tech software he's using for ?EHD? – which Jud could explain to us next time we meet.
- Anna McEnery mentioned they are going to meet with the Kitsap Epidemiologist in August to talk about data collection for the 1/10th of 1%. And usually the Epidemiologist shares data in the Fall.
- Chief Evans and Sheriff Nole will report on how it's going in each organization at the Behavioral Health Consortium (BHC) Meeting on 8/8/2019.
- Evans clarified they are gathering MH & SU – which is composed of all the dispo codes that had to do MH, alcohol and SU – there's probably 4-5 of them – which are then tallied under one heading – Mental Health/Substance Use.
- Dunia noted it would be worthwhile to be careful about using the word “Disorder”, as that would be a hard one to back up on a quick assessment. (Also, ensuring data that goes in is good so what we get out is good.)
- John Nowak noted a significant increase from 2017 to 2018 and wondered what to attribute that to. Chief Evans said some of it is better tracking and some of it is increase. Dunia asked if we could look at it by unduplicated individuals. Chief Evans said no – but we do see high utilizers over and over. He said Jud's system might be able to do that – but not sure.
- Chief Evans asked if we are somehow tracking folks who have opioid challenges but are managing it without interacting with Law Enforcement/First Responders/Jail/Emergency Room, etc. Dunia mentioned they do look at “problemless” data within medical records. Evans noted it might be interesting to show the data like this that is beyond our view of this challenge.
- Dunia noted Health Dept started doing SEP & Narcan in 2015. In 2010 hospital did a big effort around changing prescribing opioid practices. Sheriff Nole noted County started carrying in 2014/2015.
- Updated on Navigator Meeting – next steps SWOT Analysis in the Fall (October). Will also be inviting reps from school district McKinney-Vente program.
- MHFR – scheduled for 7/25 1:30pm per Anna. This quarterly meeting will update folks and look at potential grant opportunities that could dovetail into the work being done. Perhaps we look at funding someone as a Navigator at the jail as well as with County deputies, if that was of interest – particularly once we see the success of PTPD's Jud Haynes carried out over a period of time.

LF to confirm we have the correct dates on the 2017 & 2018 EJFR data sheets from the 5/9/2019 meeting

- Anna noted there is a gap that might make sense to address by having a Navigator at the Jail and getting warm handoffs happening, possibly actually providing MH services in Jail.
- John Nowak noted a Navigator, especially the right creative person, will definitely be able to go find folks that were call subjects on earlier shifts, etc –there will be no end to the people that position could help, as opposed to just sitting at a desk waiting to be called.
- Sheriff Nole is on WASHPIC Board that is approving grants from MHFR teams – and it’s a great vantage point to learn from.
- Anna noted grants could help with funding Navigator. Also there might be a chance there are remaining 1/10th of 1% funds that could be put out to supplemental RFP in the Fall that perhaps could be used for Navigator sort of role.
- Anna noted a movie called “Ernie and Joe” about 2 Austin cops who changed the way Law Enforcement looks at Mental Health. The committee will be sponsoring the move at the PT Film Festival. Might have a panel with Jud and Mike & Joe and maybe someone from NAMI. The person who did the documentary said Austin did a really good job at this. In this situation it is officers who are providing Navigator services

Next Meeting

Going forward, when this group wants to connect, **we will meet just after the monthly BHC meeting.** This takes advantage of the fact we’ll already be all in one place.