

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair, excused
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Fl
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

a) Overview of 51/50 Data

[Attachment I](#)

Dr. Aaron Chapman, Chief Medical Officer, Behavioral Health Care Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Crisis Intervention Training at Behavioral Health Care Services.

“When any person, as a result of mental disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled, a peace officer, member of the attending staff, as defined by regulation, of an evaluation facility designated by the county, designated members of a mobile crisis team provided by Section 5651.7, or other professional person designated by the county may, upon probable cause, take, or cause to be taken, the person into custody and place him or her in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Social Services as a facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation.”

Alameda County has the highest rates of 5150 Involuntary Holds per-capita in the state. There is a long history of partnering with peace officer jurisdictions to have mental health crises recognized as medical crises encouraging transport to treatment facilities over jails. Involuntary holds placed by peace officers, crisis workers and LPS designated Hospital staff.

Transport to LPS Designated facilities mostly performed by Emergency Medical Services (EMS). John George Psychiatric Hospital CSU/PES largest receiver of patients placed on involuntary holds.

b) CIT Program Overview

[Attachment II](#)

Officer Doria Neff, Oakland Police Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program.

The CIT Program is a progressive approach to improve officers' interactions with consumers experiencing a mental health crisis and works to reduce stigma and as a jail diversion.

The Oakland Police Department and the Behavioral Health Care Services have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide classes. OPD provides the classroom.

Overall awareness is up and the use of a mental health liaison /officers designated to work on mental health cases has increased.

An increase in positive law enforcement interactions during a call with a consumer and/or family member has also been reported. In addition there is better communication and collaboration between agencies.

Officer Neff also reported on OPD's Mobile Evaluation Teams (MET). The MET is modeled from Long Beach Police Department's program, which is a first responder model to lead a mental health crisis in the field. A unit pairs a CIT trained officer with a licensed clinician who respond in an unmarked police cars. The program has received County and City approval for three (3) additional teams which will cover 7 days a week and approximately 16 hours.

c) Sheriff's Office CPT Program Overview
[Attachment III](#)

Deputy Brian Frazer, Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Sheriff's Office Continued Professional Training (CPT) Program.

Deputies received the following training:

- 2013-2014 – Communicating with the Mentally Ill (2hrs)
- 2015-2016 – Communications (2hrs)
- 2017-2018 – Communications (4hrs)
- POST BASIC ACADEMY
- 2017 – People with Disabilities (16hrs)

A specialized unit within the Sheriff's Office was formed in 1995 and continues currently as the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU). It originally formed as Hostage Negotiations Unit (HNU). The name was changed in the early 2000's due to the fact that most calls were for subjects in crisis due to mental health and drug related issues. The twelve (12) person unit is made up of deputies and sergeants from various duty stations and assignments. Their mission is to respond to situations where special negotiation skills become necessary to reach a peaceful and safe resolution for the members of the community and the agency.

Future training will include: 1) 2017 – The Center for Autism and Related Disorders will be conducting future Autism training for the Sheriff's Office. In addition, the Youth and Family Services Bureau, with Manager Kelly Glossup, LCSW, has been conducting training for the Sheriff's Office regarding how to recognize people with mental health issues and services and resources for them.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.