



## Meeting Notes

January 27, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held via Zoom virtual platform

### **Attendees:**

Joel Bishop  
Sharon Butterworth  
Chrystal Davis  
Rosa P. Duran  
Jennifer Eno-Louden  
Amanda Frizzelle  
Beatrice Giron  
Michael Gomez  
Juanita Galaviz  
Enrique Mata  
Eddy Payan  
Mayra Ramos  
Henry Rivera  
Victor Talavera  
Isidro Torres  
Rene Vargas  
Richard Wiles

### **Representing:**

El Paso County  
Paso Del Norte Heath Foundation Board  
Emergence Health Network  
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UTEP  
County Attorney's Office  
El Paso County Re-entry Division  
County Attorney's Office  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
Public Defender's Office  
EPSO  
City Rep. District 7  
Emergence Health Network  
NAMI El Paso  
EP County Trial Unit Chief  
EP County Sheriff and Chair Justice LC

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Sheriff Richard Wiles convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. and called for brief introductions.

### **Update to Behavioral Health System Assessment**

Enrique Mata provided an update on the Behavioral Health System Assessment. A draft version of the document is posted on the [www.healthpasodelnorte.org](http://www.healthpasodelnorte.org) website for public comment. He explained that feedback can be provided to the Meadow Mental Health Policy Institute before February 6<sup>th</sup>. The final version of the report is anticipated to be completed by late April.

### **Jail Diversion Committee**

Ms. Eddy Payan highlighted the activity from the Jail Diversion Committee's last meeting. The committee meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. They are looking for presenters for the February meeting. A task force is looking at the Committee bylaws to update and reaffirm the community commitment. Mr. Rene Vargas, Trial Unit Chief and representing the District Attorney indicated the Mahalo grant ends in September 2021. They will restart after the end of the grant, contact him at [revargas@epcounty.com](mailto:revargas@epcounty.com) for more information.

### **Crisis Intervention Team**

Victor Talavera began by providing an overview of the CIT initiative with the County. He proceeded to mention that the pilot project has 3 units. They are currently fully staffed and expect to grow in collaboration with the City teams.

Sheriff Wiles added that in the future he expects to see one team for the entire county. He indicated that with the work underway, El Paso can easily become a model for the rest of the country for CIT programs.

Mr. Talavera responded to questions from the group. Representative Henry Rivera asked how overlapping situations (between city and county teams) are handled. Mr. Talavera commented that when overlapping occurs, they talk and work closely for a solution. The Sheriff reassured that the relationship with the City and County is good and they work well together.

### **Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)**

Ms. Rosa Duran provided a presentation using PowerPoint slide to show the AOT program progress since the SAMHSA grant started in October 2020. (presentation slides are included with these notes)

### **Reentry**

Joel Bishop began by thanking the UTEP and EHN for their partnership.

Ms. Giron provided an overview of the progress underway in reentry. She mentioned the El Paso community has been recognized for the work done with the homeless population and the transition from jail to homeless shelters. They are working to expand beyond the homeless population.

The Reentry Team is currently working on developing a task force, to continue engaging key community leadership and as part of requirements of a recent grant received by the County.

Sheriff Wiles congratulated the Reentry Team on the great work they continue to do. Ms. Chrystal Davis offered Emergency Health Network support as part of the task force.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Michael Gomez, Attorney, congratulated all participants on the call and offered his support to provide training on emergency detention orders (EDO). He provided his cell # (915)887-8936 for anyone interested.

Mr. Joel Bishop congratulated Dr. Jennifer Eno-Louden on her research on Pre-trial assessment. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Director position will hopefully be filled by March 2021.

Ms. Sharon Butterworth thanked everyone for the work they are doing. She mentioned actions taking place statewide and commented that El Paso continues to be on the forefront.

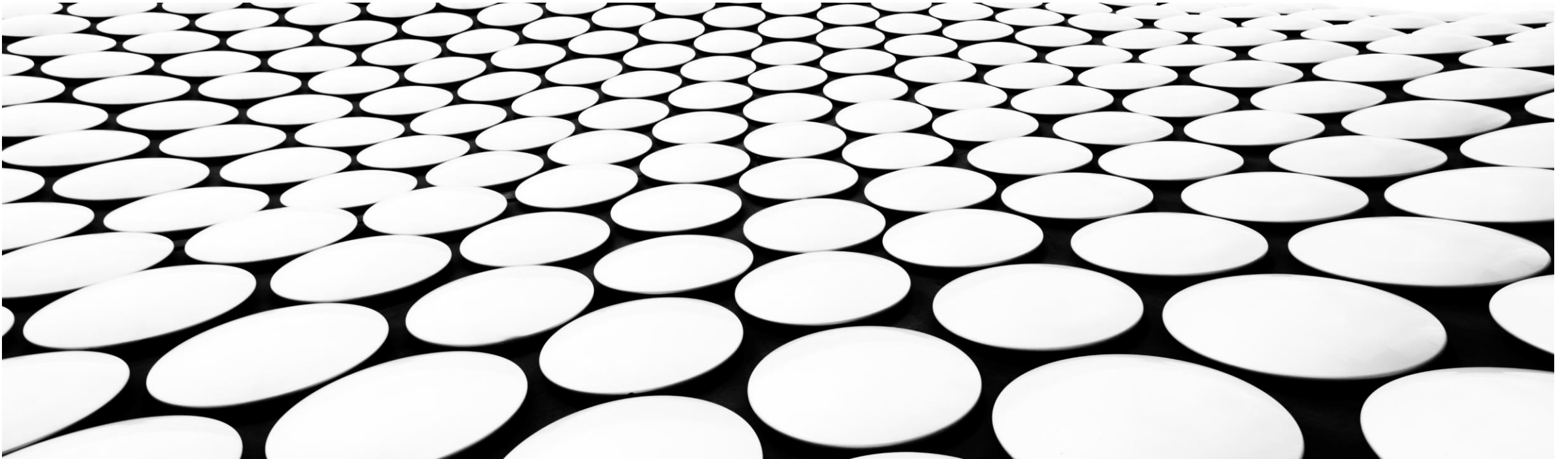
### **Adjourn**

Sheriff Wiles adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.

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# ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)

ROSA P. DURAN, AOT DIRECTOR



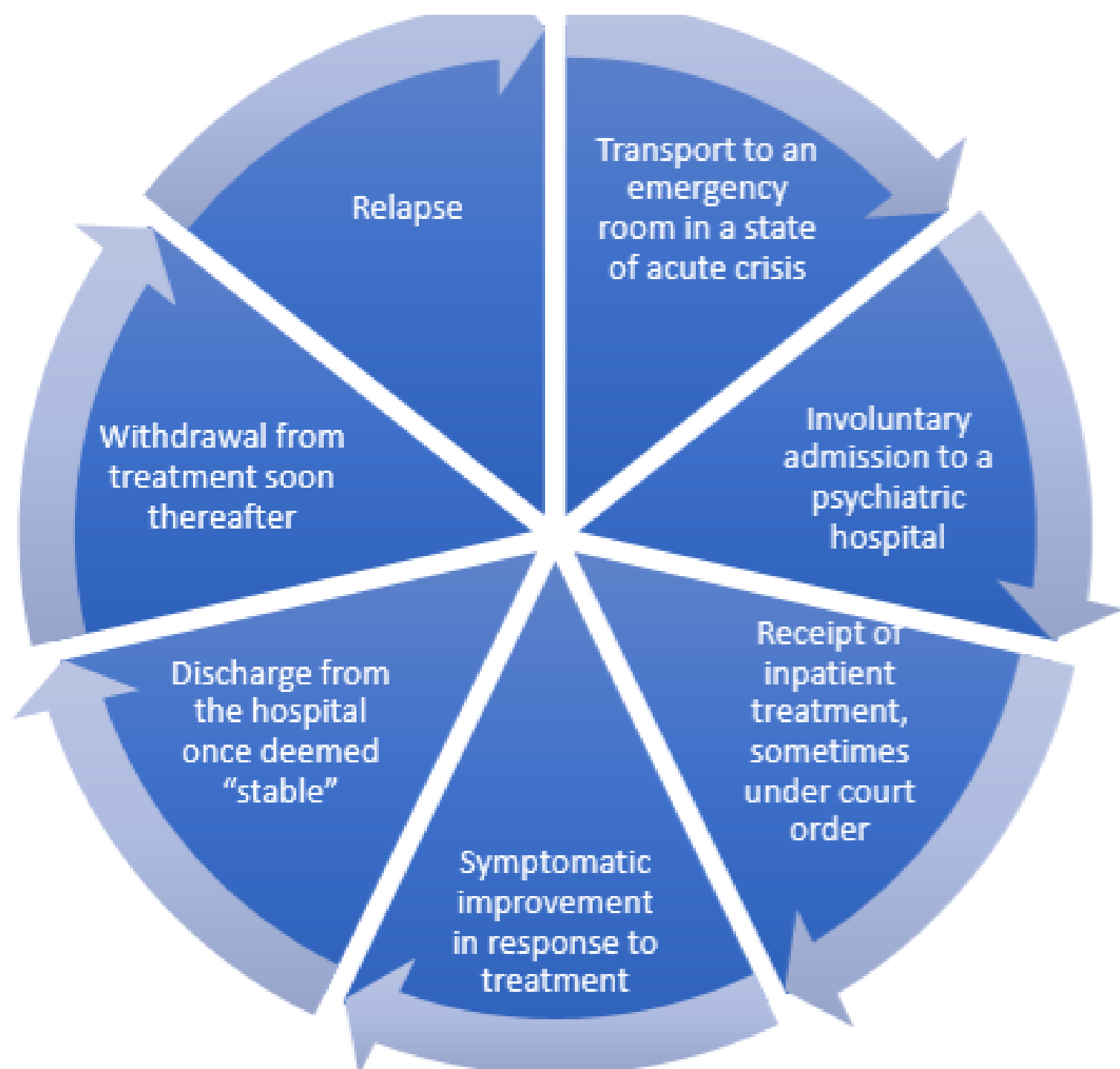
## WHAT IS AOT?

AOT is the practice of providing community-based mental health treatment under civil court commitment.

- The goal of AOT is to serve adults with severe mental illness (SMI) who have historically been non-adherent and offered services, but for different reasons not engaged in treatment.
- AOT will focus on reasons why there has been treatment non-adherence which include and is not limited to:
  - Deficits in cognitive functioning
  - Financial and transportation barriers
  - Lack of community supports
  - And prior negative experiences with treatment/provider/medications

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## PROBLEMATIC CYCLE

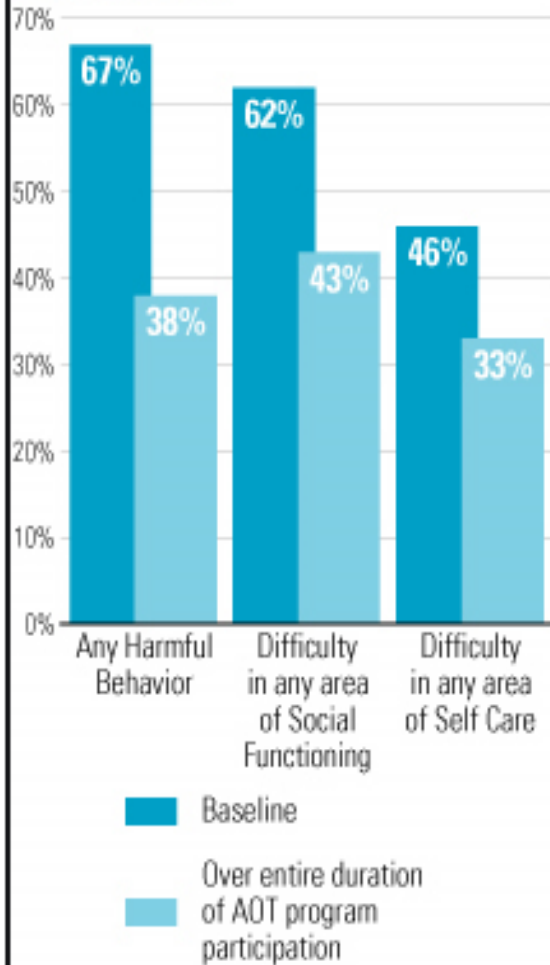




## **AOT CLINICAL CRITERIA:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Suffering from a mental illness (excludes dementia and organic brain damage)
- Clinical determination that the person is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision
- History of lack of compliance due to their mental illness – which may have led to hospitalization or incarceration
- The individual has been offered to participate in treatment, but fails to engage and follow through

### Sustained Improvements in Overall Functioning and Reductions in Harmful Behavior Over Entire Tenure in AOT



## AOT TREATMENT TEAM

- Program Director- Rosa P. Duran
- Office Coordinator- Mayra Santillano
- LPHA Licensed Therapist of the Healing Arts – Christian Skertchly
- LCDC Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor – Vianney Lopez
- QMHP-CS Intensive Case management – Taylor Rios
- QMHP-CS Intensive Case management- Denisse Gallegos
- LVN Licensed Vocational Nurse – Norma Venegas
- Psychiatrist Dr. Ricardo Delcid MD

## Admission Criteria

1. The person is in the county or reasonably believed to be in the county.
2. All nine criteria are met:
  - 1) 18 years of age or older
  - 2) Suffering from a mental illness (excludes dementia and organic brain damage)
  - 3) Clinical Determination that the person is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision
  - 4) History or lack of compliance with treatment for his or her mental illness and one of the following are true: *(1) Mental illness has, 2x within the last 36 months been a factor in necessitating hospitalization, or receipt of services in a forensic or other mental health unit of a state or local correctional facility (excluding hospitalization or incarceration immediately preceding the petition) (2) Person's mental illness has resulted in one or more acts of serious and violent behavior toward himself or herself or another, or threats, or attempts to cause serious physical harm to self or another within the last 48 months (excluding any period person was hospitalized or incarcerated immediately preceding filing of the petition).*
  - 5) The person has been offered an opportunity to participate in a treatment plan by the LMHA, or his or her designee, and the person fails to engage in treatment.
  - 6) The person's condition is deteriorating
  - 7) AOT would be the least restrictive placement to ensure recovery and stability.
  - 8) The person is in need of AOT in order to prevent relapse of deterioration (serious harm to self, others or grave disability)
  - 9) It is likely the person will benefit from AOT
3. The treatment plan reflects service provision within Emergence Health Network scope.
4. An attempt to gauge identified need of client was initiated by one of the following means: ANSA, psych eval, 16.22 assessment, competency evaluation, and diagnosis review.