



Meeting Notes

February 24, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Meeting Room C
221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

Attendees:

Denise Arrieta
Sharon Butterworth
Joel Bishop
Carl Dwyer
Chrystal Davis
Adan Dominguez
Rosa P. Duran
Linda Estrada
Nicole Ferrini
Jacob Garcia
Lucio Glenn
Beatrice Giron
Michael Gomez
Donna Juarez
Shawn R. Lott
Enrique Mata
Ben Miranda Jr.
Edy Payan
Dr. Christina Paz
Ivonne Tapia
Victor Talavera
Isidro Torres
Christine Zimmerly
Cmdr Ryan Urrutia

Representing:

Workforce Solutions Borderplex
Paso Del Norte Heath Foundation Board
County of El Paso
County of El Paso Veterans Assistance Program
Emergence Health Network
Punto de Partida – Recovery Alliance
Emergence Health Network
Jail Lead Magistrate Judge
City of El Paso Community Development
County of El Paso Criminal Justice Coordination (CJC)
Workforce Solutions Borderplex
El Paso County Re-entry Division
County Attorney's Office
El Paso Behavioral Health System
Workforce Solutions Borderplex
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Cohen Veterans Network at Endeavors El Paso
Public Defender's Office
Centro San Vicente
Aliviane
Emergence Health Network
NAMI El Paso
Punto de Partida – Recovery Alliance
El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Welcome

Commander Ryan Urrutia convened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. and commented that the Sheriff and Ms. Davis were addressing some pressing items. He provided a brief overview of the numerous projects underway to improve the mental health and substance use systems of care and justice diversion. Ms. Davis arrived later in the meeting.

New County of El Paso Dashboards

Mr. Joel Bishop presented a set of dashboard charts and graphs being developed to help in tracking justice related indicators. He explained that the dashboards are still not public because they need more work in confirming accuracy and precision. For example, self-report data fields are under review such as the question are you a Veteran? He added that these data are already assisting in planning and practice

adjustments because of the real time ability to show program status. Mr. Bishop responded to questions. Members provided positive comments on the future value of the dashboards in areas such as writing grants or fostering collaboration. Several organizations offered to contribute data they track to help improve the dashboards.

Justice Leadership Council SIM Review and Strategic Planning Session

Enrique Mata provided a brief presentation in preparation for the upcoming Sequential Intercept Mapping and Strategic Planning Session. He explained that the event is scheduled for 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 24th. He added that during the event the recommendations coming from the 2021 Behavioral Health System Assessment will also be reviewed so that community level priorities can be established for 2022-2025. Mr. Mata added that there are some great opportunities for improvement developing and keeping the Justice Leadership Council and other existing groups coordinated and communicating will be vital so that goals and strategies are properly supported to help ensure success and continuity of service delivery. The slides are included with these meeting notes. The Behavioral Health System Assessment is posted on the www.healthpasodelnorte.org website.

Jail Diversion Committee

Ms. Edy Payan commented that the Jail Diversion Committee is meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. The meetings are currently held via Zoom but as COVID 19 rates decrease options to meeting in person will be explored. The most recent Jail Diversion Meeting Minutes are included with these notes.

Crisis Intervention Team

Victor Talavera reported on the positive progress with CIT expansion and improvement. He recognized the Sheriff's Office and the City of Socorro Police Department for their support of the expansion into the County. He explained:

- The Sheriff's Office now has three full time teams and plans are in the works for four more teams. They are striving toward 24-hour coverage availability County wide.
- The City of Socorro is developing their own 2 CIT Teams. The City acquired funding and approval is pending at City Council Meeting this week.
- The El Paso Police Department CIT Program celebrated 3 years of service on February 14th. They currently have fourteen active units. Victor provided observational comments about encounters over the years, Year 1 encounters 3600 mental health-oriented calls, year 2021 dropped to below three thousand in year 2022 by year end it is anticipated that calls will exceed four thousand.
- Emergence Health Network (EHN) is exploring a CIT initiative with El Paso Independent School District police. They have established a school based interlocal agreement. More information on this coming soon.
- EHN is working with law enforcement to Implement a Clinical Officer Remote Evaluation (CORE) initiative. They are currently field testing and capacity is only at approximately 50%. The program works with a tablet assigned to a trained officer with ability to contact a triage professional to assess the situation. El Paso Fire Department is working on a Mobile Integrated Health Unit (MIH). This is a Fire and Emergency unit to help address 911 calls that may be low acuity but need an assessment at the site. Medical and possible remote mental health evaluation.

In addition to responding to mental health and substance use calls, CIT units are also exploring options to perform welfare checks and proactive assessments for acute mental health needs as well reducing EDO risks.

Reentry

Ms. Giron commented that the Reentry Task Force will now be meeting on the last Friday of every month provided an overview of the progress with the Jail Reentry Team.

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

Other Business

- The 988 mental health crisis line will activate in July 2022. This line will integrate the National Suicide Hotline and the state hotline for El Paso. The El Paso hotline responds to 36-40K calls per year. The change is anticipated to create a 15 to 20% increase in calls. EHN will be the lead for the 988 programming. They are looking at how 988 will coordinate with 911 and how to restructure dispatch as needed for maximum response effectiveness. EHN is also a candidate for a grant to be a national site for Spanish speakers. Questions came up about other crisis lines and how those will integrate or coordinate with 988. For example, the Veterans national number 1800 273 8255 Veteran Crisis line anonymous chat.
- Mr. Lucio Glenn with Workforce solutions commented that there is a need to coordinate with organizations in the JLC on employment opportunities. He explained that there are funds likely to come into El Paso in the form of grants to assist with education, under employment and unemployed. There has been such a huge shift in employers needing workers. This is creating opportunity for placement using innovative approaches. Workforce Solutions has an office on the sixth floor of the County building for child support and employment assistance. This service is grant funded. Another change coming is that noncustodial parent TANF is shifting to a work first program.

Adjourn

Commander Urrutia adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.



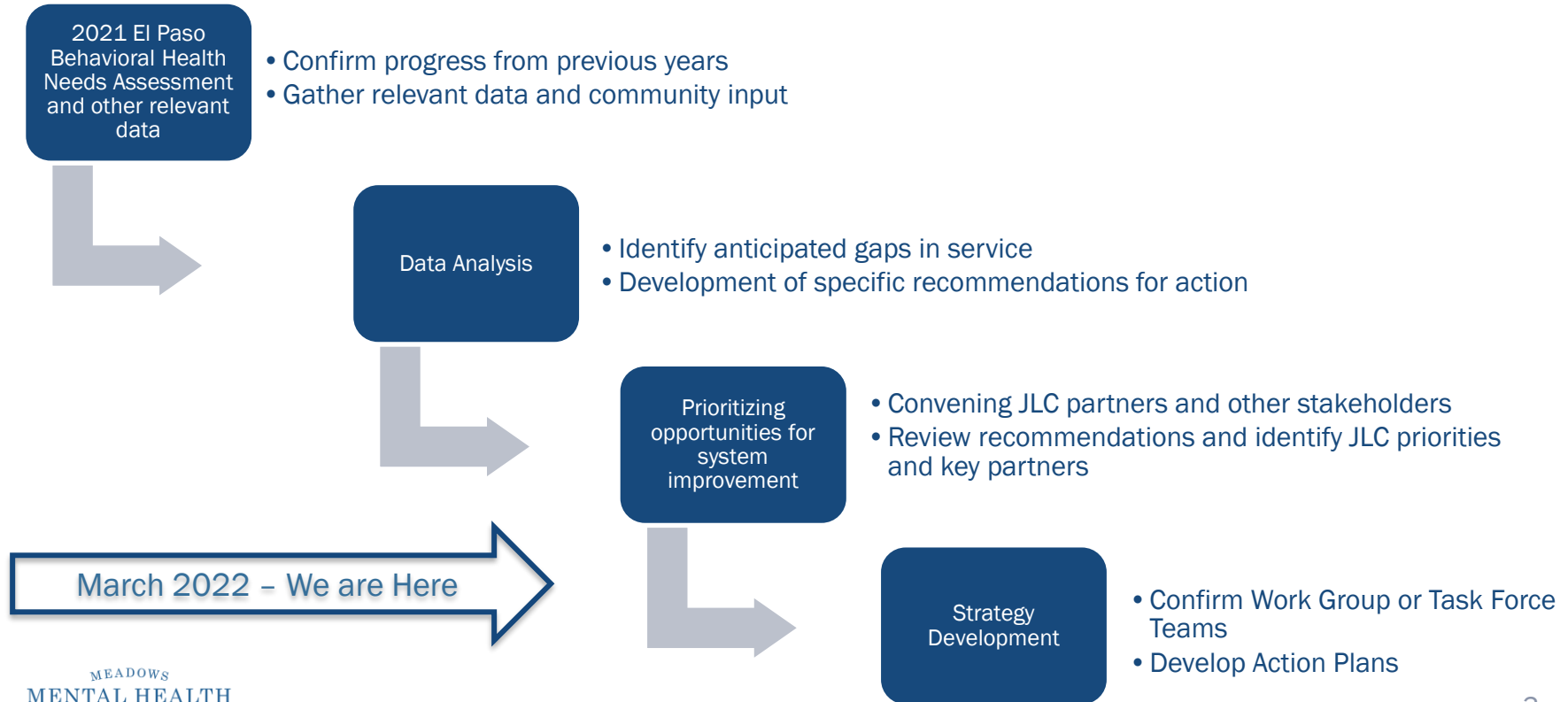
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EPBHC Justice Leadership Council 2022-2025 Priority Development Process



JLC SIM and Strategic Planning Session

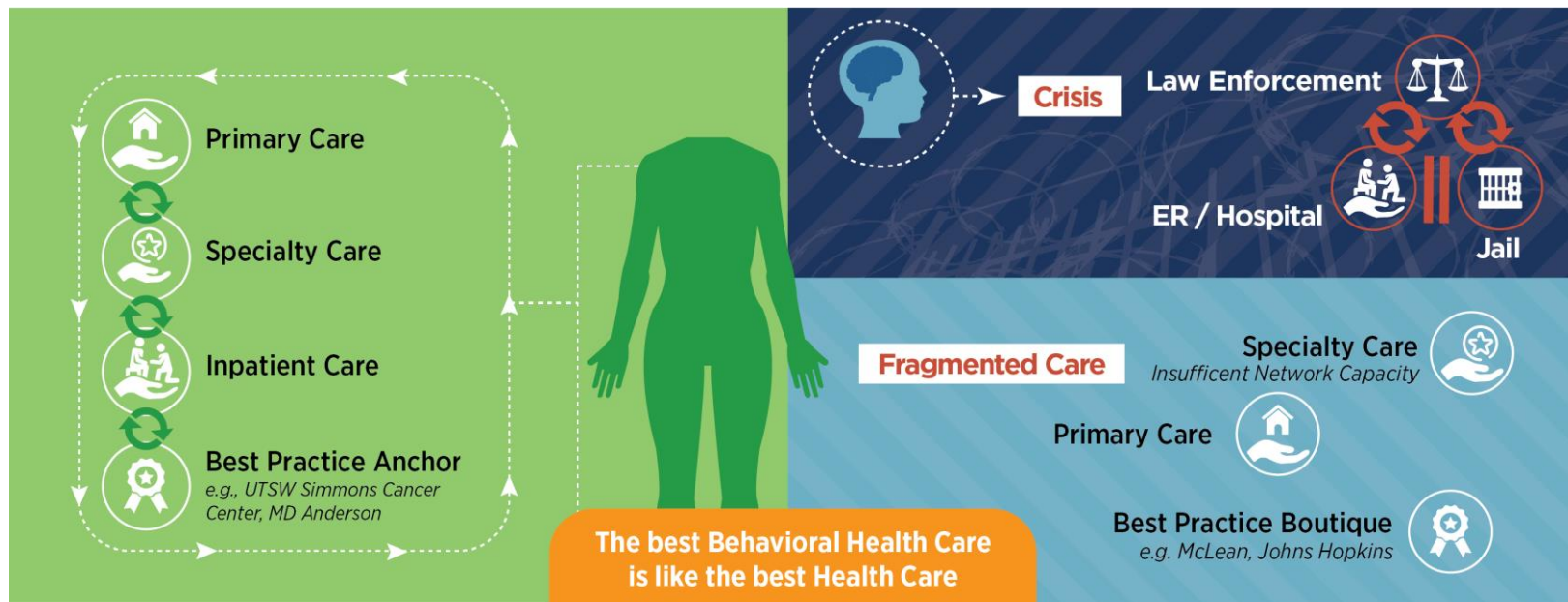
- March 24th at Paso del Norte Health Foundation
- Meeting notes and related presentations posted to www.HealthyPasodelNorte.org/EPBHConsortium

7,632
SUBSTANCE
RELATED DEATHS
in Texas in 2018

THE CURRENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

3,930
DEATHS BY
SUICIDE
in Texas in 2018

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WORK



SCHOOL



HOME



FAITH



FAMILY

HEALTH CARE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Integrated Primary Care



Measurement Based Care ↔ Collaborative Care

SPECIALTY CARE

Outpatient

Rehabilitative Care

Inpatient Care

Best Practice Anchor

e.g., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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Sufficient Network Capacity

Sufficient Networks

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e.g., UT Health Austin Mulva Clinic for Neurosciences, UTSW O'Donnell Brain Institute



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2021 System Assessment Recommendations

Opportunity #1: Shift the primary locus of response from police to a multi-disciplinary approach that relies on a team comprised of a specially trained community paramedic, licensed mental health professional, and law enforcement officer.

Opportunity #2: Educate the community and providers regarding the crisis services that are available.

Opportunity #3: Create crisis respite to address the lack of a short term crisis response

Opportunity #4: Create and integrate a medical stability protocol with El Paso Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services and El Paso Police Department

Opportunity #5: Create medical clearance in the Emergence Health Network extended observation unit and expand the capacity of Assertive Community Treatment and Forensic Assertive Community Treatment.

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