



### **Meeting Notes**

September 18, 2019

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

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Meeting Room C & D

#### **Attendees:**

Joshua Acevedo  
Anna Basler-White  
Joel Bishop  
Sharon Butterworth  
Brad Cherry  
Chrystal Davis  
Rosa Duran  
Dr. Jennifer Eno Loudon  
Dr. Tony Fabelo  
Gilbert Favela  
Yvette Gonzalez  
Enrique Mata  
Edy Payan  
Robert Pisarcik  
Henry Rivera  
Paul Stokes  
Victor Talavera  
Sonia Velasquez  
B.J. Wagner

#### **Representing:**

Empower Change  
Emergence Health Network  
El Paso County  
Paso Del Norte Health Foundation Board  
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Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute  
Emergence Health Network  
El Paso County Sheriff's Office  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
El Paso County Public Defender's Office  
El Paso Police Department  
El Paso City Representative, District 7  
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute  
Emergence Health Network  
HHSC/DSHS  
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

## **I. Welcome, Introductions**

- Ms. Chrystal Davis convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

## **II. Jail Diversion Committee – Edy Payan**

- Ms. Edy Payan said the summer was slow due to members having a busy schedule.
- They are working to update the committee mailing list and meetings run about 30 minutes.
- Ms. Payan is looking for presenters for future meetings to discuss a broad range of topics.
- The meeting takes place the first Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m. This is a difficult time for judges, so she is working with the courts to include more judges.

## **III. Mental Health Court – Maggie Morales-Aina**

- Ms. Rosa Duran said that there was meeting with SAMHSA on reentry and establishing a mental health court. She will share the notes from that meeting in the near future.
- Mr. Enrique Mata said the mental health court is set and now a subcommittee is looking to see if there is support for a mental health court.
- EHN has committed to 25 slots to start up a mental health court.
- The governor has already signed off on the court and it is designated.
- Ms. Chrystal Davis suggested for the group to set up a meeting to have another update on what is happening with the court. Mr. Mata said Judges Hamilton and Dominguez have not asked for another meeting, so a meeting will take place once their schedules clear.

## **IV. Sequential Intercept Map – Dr. Jennifer Eno Louden**

- Dr. Jennifer Eno Louden mentioned that at the last meeting, changes to the SIM were discussed. She said the group should establish a timeline to make changes to the SIM.
- She went over the changes to the SIM.
- *Intercept 0*
  - The primary change is the addition of 2017.
  - The number of officers that have been added and mental health first aid training were also changes to Intercept 0.
  - Community coordination is included and shows the work of the Justice Leadership Council on these issues.
  - Currently, there are 14 CIT officers and 4 supervisors. For each shift, there are two to three officers.
- *Intercept 1*
  - The names of the officers have been updated.
  - Information on the availability of beds at Emergence Health Network was double checked.
  - Mental health first aid certification was also added to reflect the completion of training.
- *Intercept 2*
  - The average daily population was updated.
  - There were not any substantial changes to initial detention and court hearings.

- Language was simplified to make it more streamlined.
- Mr. Joel Bishop said they are in the process of bringing mental health screening to the magistrate. Sheriff Wiles is working with space and developing a layout plan for that. Ms. Chrystal Davis said they should hold off because they are working with UMC and the Sheriff's Office on mental health services to see where people will move and eliminate redundancies.
- *Intercept 3*
  - Friends of assertive community treatment and specialty pods in jail with services for mental health were added.
  - Ms. Sonia Velasquez asked Ms. Yvette Gonzalez to email us with more information on how the pods work.
- There were no changes made to intercepts 4 or 5.
- Mr. Bishop said El Paso County is focusing on a jail driven by recent recidivism research. Jail prepares for release and there is follow up on services after they are released. They are coordinating with nonprofits that are already doing that work.
- Mr. Mata mentioned that Doña Ana and Otero Counties each have their own SIMs.

#### **V. Updates to Action Plan – Dr. Jennifer Eno Louden**

- Dr. Eno Louden asked the group for feedback on the action plan, particularly in regard to 911 dispatch. Ms. Davis said to leave it as it is now.
- Dr. Eno Louden said the high utilizers can be updated and will follow up on that with Mr. Bishop.

#### **VI. SAMHSA Gains Learning Collaborative – Brad Cherry**

- There are two principles that they discussed with SAMHSA
- The first principle is about increasing best practices for justice-involved individuals moving through the justice system. Those released will be able to obtain medications free of charge at CVS.
- They have equipment for telehealth and they hope to sue these services to reduce no shows for psychiatric care. Increasing best practice for justice involved individuals
- The second principle is trauma informed care for individuals in the justice system. Judge Dominguez has opened his court to conduct trainings in the future. Increasing the knowledge base is important.

#### **VII. Other Business**

- B.J. Wagner said progress has been made by the council and the exchange of ideas is great. There are real time solutions being discussed and how to change the front end of system, which is something that is rarely seen. She likes intercept 0 and 1. To her, Intercept 0 is jail diversion and the rest is prison diversion. It is encouraging. The clinical piece and dispatch will be a game changer.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Ms. Chrystal Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The Justice Leadership Council agreed to meet the third Wednesday of every other month at 9:30 a.m. at Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

The next meeting of The Justice Leadership Council is scheduled for 9:30 AM Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information contact Joshua Acevedo at [jacevedo3@utep.edu](mailto:jacevedo3@utep.edu) or (915) 747 – 7707.