



Meeting Notes

January 16, 2019

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

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

Attendees:

Joshua Acevedo
Sharon Butterworth
Cynthia Caro
Rosa P. Duran
Dr. Jennifer Eno Louden
Jaime Esparza
Christina Ford
Beatrice Giron
Cindy Hernandez
Enrique Mata
Carolina Martinez
Maggie Morales-Aina
Robert Pisarcik
Eddy Payan
Carlos Portillo
Victor Talavera
Richard Wiles

Representing:

Empower Change
Paso Del Norte Health Foundation Board
West Texas CSCD (Adult Probation)
Emergence Health Network
Empower Change
District Attorney 34th Judicial District
El Paso County Attorney
El Paso County Re-entry
Emergence Health Network
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Empower Change
El Paso County CSCD
EPPD CIT
Public Defenders
Empower Change
Emergence Health Network
EP County Sheriff and Chair Justice LC

I. Welcome, Introductions

- Sherriff Richard Wiles convened meeting at 9:35 a.m.

II. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

- An 8-week training program with a total of 280 hours
- All CIT clinician staff are hired and being partnered with police officers
- Within one-month populations with mental health needs will be better served- 40% of population with mental health needs are already in the system, while 60% are new to the system
- Grave shift set to start by end of this week with clinician ride-alongs
- February 4, 2019 new cohort of police officers set to start training-should be operational within two weeks
- CIT trained officers in collaboration with clinicians serve as a unified/restructured crisis continuum

III. Sequential Mapping Update

- Application for SAMHSA grant submitted
- Should have response within two months

IV. Re-entry (Beatrice Giron)

- Re-entry Support Services actively serving the community
- Care managers hired
- Homeless population is the focus
- As of May 2018, 246 homeless individuals have been in and out of jails
- The new re-entry support program has implemented hands holding services to help individuals obtain:
 - food
 - shelter
 - substance use services
 - clothing, mental health services
 - transportation
- This program is going into jails to conduct screenings prior to client's release
- Between November 26, 2018 and January 15, 2019, 95 individuals were identified as homeless
- 53 individuals were referred to re-entry program
- As of January 2019, 18 veterans and 8 active duty members were identified
- Gaps in services were identified as:
 - Need for cognitive/behavioral programs
 - Need for unity among programs within the El Paso community
 - Barrier in meeting the definition of HUD
 - Need for more programs for sex offenders-especially for placement after incarceration
 - Need for case management services

V. Mental Health Court Update (Maggie Morales-Aina)

- Justice Leadership Council members agreed to proceed forward with Mental Health Court
- Mental Health Court application is in process
- Once the application is complete the Commissioner will need to approve application
- Commissioner court is set to start in March 2019
- Start date for Mental Health Court should be August 2019
- Mental Health court staffing details need to be addressed once approval occurs
- JLC members agreed to proceed to with felony court
- Judge Jimenez will be the head for misdemeanors

VI. Justice Leadership Council Future Goals

- Justice Leadership Council members agreed to start working on an action plan with timelines for the goals previously discussed
- Justice Leadership Council members will continue the process to establish Mental Health Court
- Empower Change will help with best practices with the development of Mental Health Court
- Diversion-CIT training to be further pursued by the Justice Leadership Council
- A request by council members was made to email Dr. Jennifer Eno Loudon with ideas on 2019 focus topics for Justice Leadership Council
- Healthy EDN progress, dashboard linkage and event videos will be posted on website

VII. Updates

- Goal of Justice Leadership Council is to create policies and strategies for other justice groups to move forward to ensure tragedies don't reoccur
- Need for breakout groups to address issues more quickly
- Judiciary county business
 - Bond reform-goal is to reduce recidivism
 - Personal recognizance release
 - Coordination of justice information is greatly needed, this can be done through a collaboration with new county judge
- Service pamphlet in progress to handout to individuals in judicial system for El Paso County services

VIII. Adjourn

Sherriff Richard Wiles adjourned the meeting at 10:43 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, March 20, 2019 at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information, contact Carolina Martinez at dcmartinez3@utep.edu or (915) 747-5493