

Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Steering Committee Minutes 2.10.20

Attendance: Don Belau (Coordinator), Rob Matson (Cedars), Michelle Nelsen (CenterPointe), Terri Marti (Parent), Chris Turner (County Attorney), Renee Dozier (Region V), Becky Steiner (Human Services), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Recent Crisis Response Efforts:

1. Cedars – Jan 1st-present: 9 private youth (1 LPD, CenterPointe's data showed 1 referral to Cedars so Rob and Michelle will connect to see if that got counted wrong)
2. Probation – no utilization of crisis response, not tracking it
3. CenterPointe – see handout.

Rob asked Lori to explain their process. Usually Probation becomes involved when there's been a youth picked up on a warrant or for another law violation so it's not necessarily a crisis call. Rob shared that Cedars tries to ask if CenterPointe has been called and sometimes they hear from the officer that they didn't want to take the time. Michelle said agencies can still call CenterPointe to access crisis services even past the initial contact. There are cases when the law violation could be averted were crisis response utilized. CenterPointe has started attending LPS roll calls again so hopefully that will help to get officers using crisis response. The more saturation the better. Chris also suggested presenting at LPD in-service trainings. Captain Jeri Roeder is the LPD Education contact.

LPD & Region V Data:

See attached. Don pointed out a map of LPD youth mental health calls. They seem fairly well distributed throughout town. The committee would like to know what each dot on the map was for & what kinds of contacts are included. Don will invite Luke to our next meeting.

On the Region V data page 7 shows re-entry numbers. They could look deeper into who & where the families are that are repeat users of the system as well as what services were available vs. taken advantage of. Rob asked about how the numbers split up between Lincoln vs. the other counties in the Region.

Mobile Crisis Evaluation:

How do we measure if mobile crisis response is working? Don shared that measures used by other areas indicate the following: activation of crisis response services; referral to crisis response services; referral to ED services; participation in post-crisis mental health services; reduction of youth suicides; suicide attempts; and reduction of violence directed towards others.

Adjustments to the referral process:

Discussed ways we could improve the referral process for crisis response. Could open up the referral process to more than law enforcement. Connecticut has a 3 digit number that anyone, even kids can access. Columbus, OH has a highly collaborative process with hospitals upon exit. Families are assigned a mental health provider which has resulted in a dramatic reduction of repeat hospital utilization. Renee shared that the Helpline can also initiate crisis response now however the higher levels of Region V's administration still want law enforcement to be

involved in order to assess safety. Michelle asked about the funding that other states have for crisis response – some use braided funding from juvenile justice, OJD, HHS, etc.

Renee asked if there were ways that Probation would need the Crisis Response system adjusted to make it more amendable to their process & their families. If we were going to look into more braided funding that included Probation, we may want to talk more about this.

Training:

- Don will be giving a keynote at a conference in Portland and will also attend the pre-conference training which will focus on the Crisis Response Continuum
- Terri is a trainer for Family Leadership Training which teaches families how to advocate for themselves in various situations. They are setting up dates for trainings across the Region. They have a grant that pays for travel, lodging and childcare for families that want to attend.
- CenterPointe's Youth DBT IOP program has started. They have 6 youth in the group and Melissa Kumke is facilitating.
- Don is working on developing some lunch & learns. Dates TBD.

Next Meetings:

- Steering – March 9, 2020 from 11:30-12:00 in Room 107
- Coalition – March 9, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 in Room 303

Respectfully Submitted:

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