

Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Steering Committee Minutes 3.9.20

Attendance: Don Belau (Coordinator), Rob Matson (Cedars), John Walsh (LPD), Dustin Romsheck (LPD), Russ Uhing (LPS), Renee Dozier (Region V), Becky Steiner (Human Services), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Recent Crisis Response Efforts:

1. LPD – have had 1 or 2 youth
2. Cedars – Since Jan 13th have seen 13 private youth (a few Bryan referrals, none from LPD or CenterPointe). Have seen a steady increase in youth served by Reception Center.
3. LPS – 3 Blue Valley calls in Feb, 7 since the first of the year.
4. CenterPointe – 8 contacts (3 walk-ins, 3 calls, 2 field responses which both received an FIF referral; ages 11-14, all aggression related.
5. Human Services – our office has seen an increase in probation families asking about ungovernable. We need to make sure families are being offered services. Becky asked if Cedars is offering services to Reception Center youth – they are but it's up to Probation to follow through. The County Attorney won't file ungovernable when a youth is already on Probation. Rob asked about setting up a meeting with LPS & Probation again about reviewing the services that are available.

LPD Runaway/Youth Out of Care Coordinator:

This is a new position with LPD. Dustin is working with his team to develop new policies & procedures to address youth who chronically runaway. Will delve deeper into reasons behind the behavior and solutions/resources that can be provided to families. Last year there were 1700 runaway incident reports (1 youth went on run 37 times, another 34 times). In a recent success they learned from a 14 year old girl that she had been sexually assaulted by her step-dad when she was 11 and mom had done nothing. Enough evidence was uncovered that he was arrested and the girl was removed from the home when mom bonded the step-dad out. They will be meeting with LPS and detention to create more partnerships. Becky offered to help set-up a meeting with detention.

Next Meetings:

- Steering – April 13, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 in Room 107
- Steering – May 11, 2020 from 11:30-12:00 in Room 107
- Coalition – May 11, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 in Room 303

Respectfully Submitted:

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