

Lincoln/Lancaster County Youth Crisis Response Coalition Steering Committee Minutes 6.8.20

Attendance: Don Belau (Coordinator), Rob Matson (Cedars), John Walsh (LPD), Russ Uhing (LPS), Renee Dozier (Region V), Teri Marti (Parent Advocate), Chris Turner (County Attorney), Michelle Nelson (CenterPointe), Sheli Schindler (LCYSC), Shirley Terry (LFS), Kathryn Fletcher (LFS), Becky Steiner (Human Services), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Recent Crisis Response Efforts/Issues to address:

1. CenterPointe – would like to address how to redesign the crisis response team as they are bringing on more staff. They want a more responsive, accessible team that anyone can activate, not just law enforcement.
 - a. Could connect with BoysTown & the NE Family Helpline (already have a relationship).
 - b. Families don't always want to have law enforcement involved. How to balance that with keeping staff safe.
 - c. Need to work together with other providers (such as LFS) to make sure we're not confusing people or duplicating services.
 - d. LPD is not opposed to doing a ride-along or safety check for CenterPointe and then leaving. They don't need to initiate the contact.
2. Region V – They have not received any indication that SOC will continue past Sept 29, 2020. They are contacting providers and funders about how to sustain the program.
3. LPD – They haven't noticed an increase in MH calls from youth due to protests. They have had an increase in car break-ins by 12-14 year olds.
4. Cedars – They continue to see regular usage of shelter for private youth. 9 this last month. They are seeing a younger demographic (12-14 yr olds) recently due to tensions from COVID. They're working on hiring new extra staff to increase capacity. They are one of the only congregate care facilities still accepting youth outside of detention.
5. LPS – High school summer school has started via remote learning. Elementary & middle school summer schools start this week. They sent a survey to parents regarding fall plans. They also have an online self-paced class (e-learning) that students can take anytime as well as live classes. They still have support staff (advocates, social workers, etc.) available. They have worked with teachers on how to build relationships with youth in remote environment as well as how to look for warning signs. They're developing a short survey for youth regarding social/emotional needs.

Policy Center Study:

Please review the attached handout regarding our current Care Continuum and email Don with any comments or suggestions you may have. It would also be good to review the Action Plan from the study. Don will send out an update regarding national trends.

Training:

Don will hold another set of webinars for Law Enforcement. These will be similar to, but different from the previous ones.

Next Meeting: Steering (Needs Assessment) – July 13, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted:

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