

**Lincoln/Lancaster County
Youth Crisis Response Coalition
Minutes 8.10.20**

Attendance: Don Belau (Coordinator), Renee Dozier (Region V), Becky Steiner (Human Services), Rob Matson (Cedars), Arnold Remington (TASC), Shala Hartmann (CenterPointe), John Walsh (LPD), Joe Pastuszak (Region V), Annie Glenn (Region V), Monica DeMent (DHHS), Kristin Nelson (Region V), Chris Turner (County Attorney), Michelle Nelsen (CenterPointe), Sheli Schindler (LCYSC), Lori Griggs (Juvenile Probation) and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Introductions:

- Minutes were passed.

Agency Updates:

1. CenterPointe – CCBHC is live, medical service are running and crisis services have been expanded. Flow of clients has been light so far as people get acclimated. Brochures will be going out soon. Extended evening and weekend hours are available. Amber & John have been communicating about updates & making it easier for officers to find resources available.
2. Cedars – 19 private youth since the last Coalition meeting (both crisis & homelessness factors, 2 LPD referrals, none from CenterPointe). Increasing capacity from 16 to 20 as of today (12-13 males & 7-8 females – keeping all single rooms). So far they haven't had anyone get COVID.
3. TASC – had some LPS calls over the summer, had a protocol in place to work with staff regarding youth working remotely. LFS should be up & running Sept 1st.
4. County Attorney – have had lower case numbers than usual but have seen some more serious offenses. Will be seeing some changes with service provisions due to new sex trafficking task force.
5. Diversion – Continue to receive referrals, have seen an increase in PACS referrals
6. Detention Center – Numbers continue to be low, have several sub-populations. High risk & high offense youth, some of whom will be aging into adult jail soon. Have seen gang-involved youth who are more deeply entrenched in their attitudes towards their gang affiliation. Not seeing as much mental health concerns with the current population.
7. DHHS – intakes are down overall but are seeing more serious cases. Monica assumes there will be an increase in calls as soon as school starts.

Region V Data:

See handout. Numbers have been down since March due to COVID except for a small increase in June. Data captures 303 youth in total with 49 re-admissions. 72% were served by FIF. Several community providers (Regions, SOC, DHHS-CFS, Probation, etc.) came together to revise the service definition of crisis response to be standard across the state and not need law enforcement activation. They're serving 10 crisis response families through their Professional Partner program and could serve more.

Mission Statement Review:

Need to edit Lincoln Attention Center to Lancaster County Youth Services Center. Contact Don if you think of any other changes to be considered.

Regional & National Trends:

- Don suggested reviewing a Colorado crisis website: <https://coloradocrisisservices.org/>. When asked how it compares to HopeLNK, Don said this site is much more sophisticated and HopeLNK focuses on suicide and all ages.
- We've seen an increase in youth violence & aggressiveness.
- 988 was approved in July so service companies must have it implemented by July 2022.

Sustainability Efforts:

Don is working on building more community stakeholders, talking with various groups and individuals about our work at the Coalition and CenterPointe's Crisis Line.

Other:

- See attached 10 Tips handout from Don's Webinars. This will be put on the Human Services website.

Next Meeting:

- Steering Sept 14, 2020 from 12-1pm via zoom
- Coalition Oct 12, 2020 from 12-1pm via zoom

Respectfully Submitted:

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