



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Noon, Tuesday, March 21, 2018

Courtroom 402, Justice Building, County Courthouse

PRESENT: Dennis Chrisenbery, *Roseburg police*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Matt Newey, *ADAPT/Compass*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

STEPPING UP

Douglas County has committed to reducing the number of people with mental illness in our jail by passing a Stepping Up resolution. Below are the latest developments with Stepping Up efforts:

Jail screening pilot: The Jail has launched a one-month pilot project to administer the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS) to everyone booked into the county jail. This is being done as a data-gathering exercise only, to give us an initial sense of how many people with mental illness might be passing through our jail. For this one-month pilot, the form being used is an altered version of the BJMHS – the 8-question screen is the same, but jail staff are not collecting names; they are only noting whether the inmate is male/female, a veteran, or a Tribal member. The pilot launched March 4 and will wrap up on April 4. The goals are to 1) Define the extent of the issue 2) Establish baseline data for measuring the effectiveness of future initiatives 3) Determine the cost of providing follow-up assessments, and 4) Get a sense of the time required of jail staff to screen everyone booked.

Discussion points included the following:

- Gary Klopfenstein wondered if the person administering the screen could make judgment calls and answer questions on the form based on their own observations rather than the inmate's answers.
- Judge Simmons said the forms should include a blank area where the administrator could note his/her observations.

SIM mapping: The LPSCC coordinator has reached out to a couple of trainers about co-facilitating a Sequential Intercept Model mapping in Douglas County. This process involves taking an inventory of services and creating a visual flow chart to identify gaps. The LPSCC coordinator will schedule the mapping in September or October.

FREQUENT SYSTEM USERS

The Subcommittee over time has discussed how to best identify and assist those with mental illness who cycle in and out of the criminal justice system. Below are the latest efforts on that front:

Compass/Rosburg PD outreach – Compass and Roseburg police are working together to expand street outreach. Police created a list for Compass of people they've encountered on patrol who appear to have a mental health issue, and that list was narrowed down to those who are not connected to treatment. Compass staff will do ride-alongs with Roseburg PD twice a week with the aim of building rapport with the targeted individuals and gaining their trust in order to connect them to resources. The officers and Compass staff will distribute items like warm gloves, socks and other useful items. The outreach will be tailored to individual's personality and unique needs. Gary Klopfenstein said there is buy-in for the program among Roseburg officers.

LPSCC Coordinator Portland visit – Melissa McRobbie-Toll traveled to Portland last week to sit in on the Portland Police Bureau's Behavioral Health Unit information-sharing meeting. This biweekly meeting brings together police, jail staff, behavioral health providers and parole/probation staff to discuss individuals with mental illness who are frequent criminal justice system users. Everyone at the meeting is given a list of names and brief narratives that describe an individual's recent contact with the justice system (just arrested, recently released, whereabouts unknown, sent to State Hospital, etc.). Police share basic information about individuals such as recent police contacts, cooperativeness, recent arrests, upcoming court dates and other details. Most information shared at the meeting Melissa observed was a matter of public record, although police are free to share some personal health information providers cannot (if the information was part of a police report, for example). Discussion points included the following:

- Cooperative individuals sometimes sign releases that allow providers to share some information
- Matt Newey said there is a local interdisciplinary team that currently meets monthly to discuss high-profile cases involving mental illness

Technology-enabled information sharing – Some counties have employed web-based apps to share information among agencies. Johnson County, Kansas, has developed an app called My Resource Connection, a platform that allows info sharing without violating privacy laws. Other jurisdictions use external programs like Loom.

ACTION: *LPSCC Coordinator will continue researching other counties' approaches to information sharing, and will share that research with the group.*

JAIL RE-ENTRY RESOURCE CARD

The LPSCC Coordinator developed a draft list of resources that can be included on a wallet-size card given to those being released from jail. The group reviewed the list and recommended that the address for the Mission and Samaritan Inn be included on the back of the card, as well as the address of the FISH food pantry. NAMI has offered to pay for the printing of the cards, or Roseburg PD may be able to print them internally.

Separately, Compass and Roseburg PD have been discussing the idea of giving officers a resource card to hand out to people. The group liked the idea of combining efforts and creating one resource card that could be handed out by both jail staff and street officers.

ACTION: *LPSCC Coordinator will revise the list and coordinate printing with Roseburg PD and NAMI.*

MONTHLY COLUMN

The LPSCC Coordinator proposed writing a monthly mental health column in the News-Review that could educate the public on available services, and let the community know about the efforts by our government and agencies to address behavioral health issues. Dorothy Moll of NAMI used to write a monthly column for the newspaper on mental health issues, but recently stopped. The group supported the idea of the LPSCC coordinator writing a column.

ACTION: *LPSCC Coordinator will approach the News Review with the column idea.*

MISCELLANEOUS

- Dennis Chrisenbery said officers recently attended a school-focused threat assessment training, and that there may soon be a multi-disciplinary team focused on school threat assessment. Matt Newey said it is important to note that school shootings are often perceived to be related to mental illness, but that many are not. That distinction should be kept in mind, including in the news column.
- Robert Wilson said there will soon be a new database for Drug Court and Mental Health Court. That system will be web-based and allow for much better communication between team members, including court staff, attorneys, parole/probation, providers and others. The Criminal Justice Commission is funding installation of the new system statewide, and Douglas County will be one of the first counties to get it.
- Matt Newey said Compass' adult outpatient services, crisis outreach, and other services will be moving from Annex B to the Madrone campus next month. A few weeks later, everyone at Newcastle will be moving to Madrone. Debra Souza has resigned. Compass has partnered with the Douglas County Education Service District to increase the number of mental health counselors in schools – 14 schools now have mental health counselors.

NEXT MEETING: *Noon, Tuesday, April 24, location TBD*