

**Arizona Mental Health and Criminal Justice Coalition (AzMHCJC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2016**

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items & Person Responsible
Welcome and Introductions by Mary Lou Brncik of David's Hope	<i>Mary Lou opened the meeting at 0900 and introductions proceeded with the twenty-five people present and nine who joined by phone..</i>	
Coalition Updates from Mary Lou Brncik/Rae Hopf/Alison Rapping	<p><i>. <b>Mary Lou</b> reminded everyone about the "Peace Heroes Walk Around the World" Saturday March 12 at the Heard Museum at 10 a.m. David's Hope was chosen as one of the three organizations which will benefit and our three heroes who will be honored are Patti Jones, Kathy Bashor, and Elizabeth Singleton. Mary Lou encouraged everyone to promote the event and join a team by visiting the website.</i></p> <p><i><b>Alison</b> gave an update on the Mental Health/Criminal Justice Summit, "Step Up Arizona 2016", which will be held at the Mesa Convention Center on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event and promote it within your networks. She also has sponsorship applications and reminded everyone that we need event sponsors to cover the expenses and provide scholarships for those unable to pay. Exhibitor tables will be available and for more info- send requests to <a href="mailto:info@davidshopeaz.org">info@davidshopeaz.org</a>. The Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon is part of the summit on the first day and we are still in need of nominations of first responders; please get them in by April 10<sup>th</sup>.</i></p>	



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<p>Updates from Around the State</p>	<p><b>Beya Thayer-Criminal Justice Manager- Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority-</b> Beya reported she is working on an initiative involving the Public Defender's Office to expedite treatment by helping to create assessments and treatment plans. Coconino and Yavapai County are working on their Stepping Up modules and getting more people into treatment.</p> <p><b>Ginny Hamilton—Program Director for Yavapai County Jail—</b>Ginny reported that they have brought in Catholic Charities to come to the jails and help connect people to housing, food and other basic necessities.</p> <p><b>Audrey Dorfman-Mental Health Coalition of Verde Valley-</b>They have updated their website and are doing Mental Health Mondays. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and they will be taking presentations into high schools and having discussions/showing films. In September they are planning for their second annual summit to focus on treatment for mental health disorders. They are looking for more participation from the faith-based community; St John Vianney's is now involved and there is a tie-in to the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy.</p> <p><b>Amanda Stamps/City of Peoria Police/Tracey Wilkinson &amp; Natalie Summit-</b> None were present today; there is a CIT training taking place in the valley today.</p> <p><b>Shelly Curran-Mercy Maricopa- Director of Court Advocacy-</b>Shelly is working in the area of diversion for those with felonies who have been determined to be SMI. She has been working with Correctional Health Services and Southwest Behavioral Health to connect clients with services and prevent them from being held in jail. She started with 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Jail and then will focus on the city jails so that those with SMI don't end up at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jail for lengthy periods when this can be avoided.</p> <p><b>Frank O'Halloran-Crisis Services Liason with Mercy Maricopa-</b>Frank reported about the community forums on crisis which Mercy Maricopa is conducting. The first one was very successful with good attendance. There is one planned for the West Valley and another will be held in the East Valley at a site to be determined.</p> <p><b>Kerry Hyatt- ReEntry Coordinator-AZ Department of Corrections-</b>Kerry reported on the Re-Entry Summit which the DOC is organizing. It will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at ASU West. They are looking for participation from all counties and a mix of those who work with all aspects of re-entry.</p>	<p>.</p>
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<p>Guest Speaker-Dr Nicole Taylor, Ph.D, J.D.,CCHP-MH – Mental Health Monitor with AZ Dept of Corrections</p>	<p><i>Mary Lou introduced Dr Taylor, who gave a powerpoint presentation on the Arizona Department of Corrections. There are ten state facilities and six private prisons around Arizona. Twenty-five percent of the population receive mental health services.</i></p> <p><i>An open dialogue with coalition attendees asking questions and making comments for the speakers ended the meeting</i></p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p><i>Mary Lou closed the meeting at 11 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday April 1st from 9-11 a.m. at ADHS in Room 215. The topic will be Cenpatico Integrated Care and the guest speaker will be Deana Champagne, J.D., VP Justice System and System Partner Relations. All those interested may either attend in person or electronically through <a href="http://gotomeeting.com">gotomeeting.com</a>. We look forward to seeing you next month.</i></p>	



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**Thank you to our hosts at the Arizona Department of Health Services! Please plan to attend our next meeting on Friday April 1st  
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