

**Arizona Mental Health and Criminal Justice Coalition (AMH&CJC)**  
**June 6, 2014 Meeting Minute**  
**Community Bridges- 2770 E. Van Buran**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85008**  
**9-11am**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items & Person Responsible
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	There were 33 participants at the meeting.	N/A
<b>Updates</b>	<p><b>Reentry Subcommittee (Linda Zweig)</b> - working on the resource guide for inmates to assist with reentry and the Colorado resource guide was shared as an example. The Reentry subcommittee meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at ADHS/DBHS. The Reentry Expo held in April was very successful with over 200 attendees. A second Reentry Expo will be held in January. National, federal and statewide presenters will be involved in the expo.</p>	<p><b>Mary Lou's volunteer (BeBe) and Linda Z. to connect with Dr. Flemming at Corizon on resource guide to include in a virtual website.</b></p>
	<p><b>Fundraising Dinner (Steve Harvey)</b> - this fall David's Hope will hold a Law Enforcement Recognition and Awards Banquet. The awards in memory of Jack Harvey who was a social worker and community advocate who brought the Memphis Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) model to Arizona. Max Dine, Rae Hofpt and Kathy Palmer all were also very instrumental to implementing CIT.</p>	<p><b>Hand out with the event details were distributed.</b></p>
	<p><b>Juvenile Justice Subcommittee-</b> need a volunteer assist to lead the committee as Steve Isham resigned.</p>	<p><b>Let Mary Lou know if interested in chairing the subcommittee.</b></p>



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<b>Presentation</b>	<p><b>Sherrie Fraley and Laura Smith</b> – The presenters described the court order evaluation and treatment process at Desert Vista Hospital. Desert Vista has 120 beds and the psychiatric annex has an additional 68 beds. There are plans to expand the number of beds in the near future. Each client is assigned a social work to help with discharge planning. In the past there was designated housing yet the lengths of stay were very long. Individuals are having to wait in the hospital for months due to lack of housing for discharge. Currently 99% of the inpatient population are on a court-ordered treatment. Individuals are often need to held at the urgent care, psychiatric recovery center, jail or a private hospital as there is a 14 day window after the court ordered application is completed to get them transferred to Desert Vista so they typically have to stay in the current facility up to 1 week up or more. If it is determined that the individual doesn't need to be on court order they are usually released within 24 hours. People with developmental disability also stay longer because "that system is slow". If don't quality for AHCCCS or other services individuals are released to Health Care for the Homeless or the Mission for Mercy. The social workers try to get people out of the hospital as quickly and safely as possible and at times they don't always wait until the person is "completely stabilized" due to pressure to get them out.</p>	
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Below are additional items discussed during the question and answer portion of the presentation:

- The outpatient clinic residency at Desert Visits serves youth and families on a sliding fee scale but youth do not receive inpatient services.
- Only court ordered evaluations (COE) and court ordered treatment (COT) are provided at Desert Vista and restoration to competency is completed at the jail or Arizona State Hospital.
- Concerns were expressed with the extended stays at Desert Vista due to lack of resources. Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care (MMIC) pays for initial for COE period which can be anywhere from 72 hours to 5 days. If the client is not eligible for AHCCCS the hospital must pay for 5 days prior to court hearing. Once on COT or if inpatient treatment is ordered the then typically MMIC would pay if eligible for AHCCCS. Some private insurances will cover costs and others will not. Authorization reviews are conducted with MMIC several times a couple times of a week.
- Difficulty establishing a discharge plan with guardians was also expressed as a reoccurring problem.
- Recidivism rates at are approximately 12% and often it is a result of the individual not have any resources (e.g. Non-Title 19, not eligible for SMI program or illegal/undocumented).
- It was also noted that the hospital staff are seeing more dismissals as well as more re-petitioned.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgent Psychiatric Care Center (UPC) or Recovery Innovations West should be the gateway and individuals there prioritized for transfer to Desert Vista. The direct admit system is problematic as individuals have found ways to bypass others awaiting hospitalization which results in people waiting and further decompensating at the UPC. A significant challenge is that so many people are waiting for admission and time frame expires on the original COE and they end up needing to be repetedioned. Another significant challenges is lack of witnesses as you can can't file a COE with no witness or if witnesses don't show up the COE will be dismissed.</li> <li>• Title 36 is not a criminal manner – it is a civil therapeutic non-forensic facility. A suggestions was to send an evaluator to the jail or prison do the evaluation. Also discussed that the use of technology would be helpful, however there are many challenges to using technology including statues that don't address/allow and public advocate may see this as a violation of a person's civil liberties.</li> <li>• Concerns with the process for court ordering individuals who are serving a sentence at the Department of Corrections (DOC) were discussed. A COE is typically completed prior to their last day of sentencing so they can be transferred to the hospital. In addition, regardless of what county the inmate will be released to all in need of a COE are referred to Desert Vista. One of the biggest challenges for the DOC has been coordinating reentry services as the community corrections staff don't always know where the person is going to reside until about two weeks prior to their release. Processes have now been established to coordinate Title XIX benefits prior to release. Although obtaining birth certificates and proof of citizenship continues to be a struggle. CPSA has set up a meeting with DOC to work out policies and procedures for improving the transition of care and coordination for inmates being released to Pima County.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Representatives from DOC (Dr. Taylor) and MMIHS (Sherrie) agreed to meet to identify ways improving coordination of COE for individuals coming out of prison. Sherrie said she would also invite the other county/RBHA representatives to the meeting.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sherrie also volunteered to have coordinate trainings for DOC staff on the COE/COT processes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Need to invite the new DBHS criminal justice liaison and the RBHA liaisons to our next meeting.</b></p>
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