

Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition (AZMHCJC)
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2015

Agenda Items	<i>Discussion</i>	Action Items & Person Responsible
Welcome and Introductions by Mary Lou Brncik of David's Hope	<i>Mary Lou opened the meeting at 0905 and introductions proceeded with the twenty-three people present and seven who joined by phone.</i>	



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<p>Coalition Updates from Mary Lou Brncik</p>	<p><i>Mary Lou reported that planning has begun for the Mental Health Criminal Justice Summit, Step Up Arizona which will be held June 9th and 10th, 2016. Judge Steven Leifman and his team from Miami- Dade County in Florida have agreed to be a part of the event and it's a very big honor for David's Hope. The conference planning committee has started to meet and is looking for a venue.</i></p> <p><i>The Law Enforcement Awards Banquet, held on October 9th at St Patrick's Church was a very meaningful and well-attended event. There were awardees from all over the state (seven officers were from Yavapai County). Stacia Naquin from Channel 12 News volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies and we are very thankful for the tremendous job she did.</i></p> <p><i>Mary Lou mentioned that Hope Lives and Health Choice Integrated Care are the latest organizations to sign on to endorse the Coalition. Please help us outreach for coalition endorsers She reminded everybody that the form is on our website, http://davidshopeaz.org/ (along with a list of those who have already signed).</i></p> <p><i>Avanti Haque, Research Associate, from the Morrison Institute For Public Policy and the Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues, announced that they are conducting a survey on crisis services for people with mental disabilities in the City of Phoenix and looking for organizations and individuals to participate; Mary Lou will be sending out a link to the survey for anyone who is interested.</i></p> <p>.</p>	<p>Mary Lou will send out crisis survey though coalition email list as forwarded from the Morrison Institute</p>
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<p>Updates from Around the State</p>	<p>Beya Thayer-Criminal Justice Manager- Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC- the northern AZ regional behavioral health authority)- Beya reported that law enforcement has announced that a crisis stabilization unit is being planned to open with eight beds and will be in the Prescott area. HCIC is working on a system for coordinating care and creating policies for those being released from jail and the Department of Corrections. She also mentioned that two of their counties Coconino and Navajo have signed on to the Stepping Up Initiative. Yavapai County will probably be next and Sheriff Masher has taken a lead role in organizing.</p> <p>Ginny Hamilton—Program Director for Yavapai County Jail—Ginny was at a meeting in Sedona so Mary Lou gave the report Ginny sent in. She sends her thanks for the Awards Banquet and honoring officers from Yavapai County. She reported that they have begun a coordinated effort targeting release readiness and utilizing volunteers to address the needs of those re-entering (such as housing, jobs, treatment, etc.) Their goal is to follow them and provide support, also to track their outcomes and hopefully reduce recidivism. Audrey Dorfman is also involved and assisting to coordinate in this effort as a volunteer. A coalition attendee suggested that this information should be presented at the summit.</p> <p>Kerry Hyatt- Department of Corrections- Kerry announced the Department of Corrections was awarded a Second Chance Act - Recidivism Reduction grant; Arizona was one of only seven states to receive this honor. A statewide summit will be held in February 2016 to bring re-entry efforts together so we can “fill the gaps” and reduce the numbers of people returning to prison after release. She added that Governor Ducey agreed to be involved by bringing community agencies with a stake in re-entry together</p>	
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to provide more support and services. Mary Lou acknowledged that the Department of Corrections has always been well represented at our coalition meetings and thanked them for their participation and interest in the mission of David's Hope.

Natalie Summit- *Crisis Intervention Specialist-Scottsdale Police Department. Natalie spoke for both Amanda Stamps and Tracey Wilkinson, who could not be in attendance today. Amanda reported that the Mesa Police Department just incorporated mental health info into AZPOST academy training. She was part of a team who approached the City Council to give more attention to mental health training for police officers. Tracey Wilkinson will be speaking on crisis intervention teams on Nov 9th at the Yavapai County Sheriff's mental health criminal justice meeting. A coalition attendee suggested that this topic also be presented at the summit.*

Deputy Chief Benny Pina- *Sergeant John Naehrbass attended for Chief Pina from the City of Peoria Police Department. He reported their effort is being put into trying to decrease the numbers of people being arrested for mental health issues. They will now have a specially trained team in charge of pick-up orders and mental health calls and will also be expanding crisis intervention training.*



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<p>Guest Speakers-Dr Dawn Noggle- Mental Health Director, Maricopa County Jail, MaryEllen Sheppard, Assistant County Manager, Maricopa County, Shelley Curran , Court Services Administrator- Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care</p>	<p><i>Mary Lou introduced the guest speakers as a panel to address the process of how the Stepping Up Initiative arrived in Maricopa County. She asked them to talk about the obstacles and accomplishments so far.</i></p> <p>MaryEllen Sheppard began by giving a history, which started four years ago. She said that one of the main goals was to get those who were low risk out of jail as soon as possible and to get treatment for the high risk population, addressing both their criminogenic needs and their mental health needs. She also talked about the part collaboration played early on and the importance of agencies working together.</p> <p>Dr Dawn Noggle talked about how the Smart Justice Committee (a subcommittee of MC Justice) has been spearheaded by MaryEllen and is making great strides "It's hard to change a bureaucracy" She addressed some of the challenges and accomplishments so far.</p> <p>Shelley Curran-Shelley has been part of Smart Justice and talked about how the subcommittee informed the work of the RBHA's in Maricopa county over the years.</p> <p><i>Mary Lou will send out the Maricopa County proclamation for the Stepping Up Initiative to the coalition. Another tangible outcome is that the Board of Supervisors approved an intake/transfer facility to be used to transition people from the jail back into the community; ground will soon be broken and it will open in 2018. It has been ten</i></p>	<p>Mary Lou will send out a copy of Maricopa County's Stepping Up Initiative sign on proclamation to the coalition.</p>
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	<p><i>years in the making and will be a huge accomplishment in improving outcomes for this population.</i></p> <p><i>An open dialogue with coalition attendees asking questions and making comments for the speakers ended the meeting</i></p>	
Adjournment	<p><i>Mary Lou closed the meeting at 11 am and the next coalition meeting is scheduled for Friday December 4th, 9-11am at ADHS in Room 215. All those interested may either attend in person or electronically through https://gotomeet.me/DavidsHope 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 December 4, 2015, 9-11am

