

Arizona Mental Health and Criminal Justice Coalition (AZMHCJC)
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2015

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items & Person Responsible
Welcome and Introductions by Mary Lou Brncik of David's Hope	Mary Lou opened the meeting at 0907 and introductions proceeded with the people present and three who joined by phone. ADHS staff assisted with the GoToMeeting format, but there were technical difficulties. Mary Lou thanked Kathy Bashor with the ADHS/DBHS OIFA Department for making the conference room arrangements. Mary Lou introduced special guests, presenters, Dr. Charles and Laurie Goldstein.	
David's Hope Updates from Mary Lou Brncik	<p>Mary Lou reminded the coalition that CPSA in Southern Arizona had transitioned to Cenpatico Integrated Care on 10/1/15. She discussed the Pima County Forensic Task Force and their new leadership provided by Cenpatico in southern Arizona. Mary Lou has invited Cenpatico Integrated Care to attend the next meeting and present on their Criminal Justice Department and their goals to reduce recidivism.</p> <p>The Law Enforcement Awards Dinner will be held on October 9 in Scottsdale at St. Patrick Catholic Community and individuals can sign up online. Stacia Naquin of Change 12 will be the emcee for the event. Numerous officers will be honored who have provided outstanding response to those in mental health crisis.</p> <p>Mary Lou mentioned the Stepping Up Initiative and their website, stepuptogether.org. Judge Leifman has assisted by working with the Council of State Governments in putting together the tools to accomplish our goals for improving the system. Mary Lou expects to outreach every county in Arizona with the assistance from the DBHS OIFA Department.</p>	
Updates from Around the State	<p>Beya Thayer – Criminal Justice Manager – Health Choice Integrated Care – Beya reported that Navajo County and Coconino County has a new crisis line. NARBHA transitioned to Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC) on 10/1/15.</p> <p>Ginny Hamilton – Program Director for Yavapai County Jail – Ginny reported she met with Audrey and Fred Dorfman with the Verde Valley Mental Health Coalition. Volunteers are now being used inside the jails to help connect inmates to services. Mary Lou stated that Sheriff Mascher has done great work in the area.</p> <p>Deputy Chief Benny Pina – Peoria Police Department – CIT trained officers are conducting more outreach in the area. There is a large homeless population around 83rd Avenue and Glendale. They are working on networking and de-escalation techniques. Two detectives are being trained on connecting individuals with resources. They are interested in community partnerships.</p> <p>Jessica Raak and Dennis Dye – AZ Department of Corrections – They are working on streamlining the process to retain SMI status from the community into the Department of Corrections. The process is being monitored by ACLU. The ACLU will be visiting Tucson next month to discuss appropriate housing of transgender inmates.</p>	

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	<p>Amanda Stamps – CIT Coordinator and police officer from Mesa – CIT school took place in the East Valley on September 29. They held a Public Safety Resource Fair for people with Serious Mental Illness and about 100 people attended. NAMI provided a panel for the event. Next week will be the 3rd CIT training for 30 people being done in the East Valley this year. They are working with the court system to develop a warm handoff for those in custody. The court system did not know they could access SMI status. They will be hosting an event called Save the Family for homeless veterans.</p> <p>Natalie Summit – Scottsdale Police Department – Natalie could not attend today so Tracy Wilkinson reported for Scottsdale. They are very active in coordinating CIT with Chandler and Gilbert. CIT Officers were trained to work with military veterans for better intervention and they have offered training to other law enforcement agencies. Scottsdale has 7 full-time Crisis Intervention Specialist who respond on scene. Police Crisis Intervention is celebrating its 40th year in Scottsdale.</p> <p>Frank O'halloran- MMIC Crisis Service Liaison – Community Bridges on the west side is expanding their voluntary bed capacity. The Urgent Psychiatric Center is relocating to Phoenix Memorial Hospital and is expanding their bed count to 50. PRC in Peoria opened respite. The VA Mental Health Summit was held two weeks ago and focused on PTSD with 110 in attendance. CRRC opened a clinic for veterans at 1500 W. Thomas. Veterans will receive up to nurse practitioner care and connect homeless vets to housing, resources and referral center.</p> <p>Steve Lessard- Administrative Office of the Courts– Hosted 2-day training of Mental Health First Aid for probation officers and supervision of individuals with Serious Mental Illness. NARBHA provided materials for the training. Invited Tribal Nations and Department of Corrections.</p>	
<p>Guest Speakers – Dr. Charles Goldstein and Laurie Goldstein</p>	<p>Dr. Charles and Laurie Goldstein –Guest Speakers – Presented PowerPoint presentation on why people with behavioral health challenges are sitting in emergency rooms waiting for beds. The presentation was based on the MHA 2015 Parity or Disparity: The State of Mental Health in America report. They discussed the IMD Exclusion which limits psychiatric beds in hospitals to 16 or less otherwise the hospital loses federal dollars. Currently there is legislation trying to lift this exclusion.</p>	

