MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JOINT WEBINAR

Law Enforcement-Mental Health Collaborations in Wichita, Kansas

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 10:00 – 11:00 am CDT

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The idea for this webinar grew out of news stories that MLC staffers began seeing over the summer about partnerships between law enforcement and mental health professionals to deal with mental health crises.

These included programs such as:

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s Crisis Assessment Response Teams (CART)
- Madison, Wisconsin’s Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES)
- Illinois’ Community Emergency Services and Supports Act which coordinates 911 call centers with mobile mental and behavioral health services
Today’s webinar:

• Focuses on one Midwest jurisdiction leading the way in law enforcement-mental health collaboration: Wichita, Kansas.

• The Wichita Police Department has a co-responder unit (Integrated Care Team), a mobile crisis team in conjunction with COMCARE, and a well-established and award-winning homeless outreach team.

• Presenters from the Wichita Police Department, COMCARE (the largest community mental health center in Kansas), and the Sedgwick County EMS will highlight these programs and answer your questions.
LAW ENFORCEMENT - MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION

PANELISTS

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Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
Integrated Care Team
ICT-1
Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas
Metro area population 644,610
Large aircraft industry
ICT is shorthand for Wichita
184,900 Police calls per year
65,000 EMS calls per year
• 1,666 Crisis Stabilization Unit visits
• 10,251 Community Crisis visits
• 55,000 Community Crisis Line Calls
INTEGRATED CARE TEAM (ICT-1)

QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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Requests for Service

ICT-1 Requests

- COMCARE
- Disptach
- EMS
- Law Enforcement
- MCU Board
- Public Referral
- Self-Dispatched
Disposition of Engaged Clients

- Treat in place: 65.9%
- Transport by ICT-1: 22.7%
- Handoff to another agency: 11.4%
Three Perspectives

Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Medical
Mental Health
Law Enforcement
EMS
Challenges

• Interagency Communication
• Overlaps and gaps between agencies
  • Van accident
  • Different policies
• Different chains of command
• Staffing
  • Are we the only ones having staffing problems?
Opportunities

• Picking the right personnel for the situation
  • Entry into residences
  • Initial engagement
  • Personality differences
  • Appearance and perception
    • Uniform
    • Gender
Opportunities

• Gained trust between agencies
  • Joint training between and EMS and PD
  • Other corresponder project (dedicated QMHP in Police Substation)
  • More requests by allied agencies
  • Comcare perspective?
    • Trust between COMCARE and Law Enforcement
    • Bidirectional communication between agencies
• Hospital POU admits
• Substance Abuse Center admits

• Understanding limitations and abilities of agencies and resources
• Shared perspective of clients – three different databases to access
Joint Training Between EMS and PD
Community buy in and next steps

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition
- Public Buy In
- Sequential Intercept Model Workshop
- High Utilizer Study with Wichita State University
Questions?

Comments?
The Council of State Governments
- MLC Health & Human Services Committee
- MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee

CSG Justice Center
- Law Enforcement Mental Health Learning Sites

Wichita, Kansas
- Wichita Police Department Website
- Integrated Care Team Website
- HOT Website
Thank you for joining us today!

- Wednesday, October 13, 11 AM Central Time on Zoom: MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Legislative Roundtable
  - Contact Mitch Arvidson (marvidson@csg.org)

- Stay tuned for an announcement about a series of economic development-related webinars coming from CSG Midwest this Fall
  - Contact Laura Tomaka (ltomaka@csg.org)

- November 15 – 16 in St. Paul, MN: 2021 ELEVATE Series is a two-day workshop designed to help state policymakers better utilize science and evidence to address some of the more pressing issues facing communities and states
  - Contact Carolyn Orr (Carolyn@strawridgeservices.com)