

**PC EMS COUNCIL
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 25, 2017**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:02am by Patsy Maloney. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Update: Mental Health Crisis Services – Monet Craton, CHI Franciscan

Monet talked about her work with the grant funded PAR (Prevent-Avert-Respond) Initiative from CHI Franciscan. It's a mental health initiative focusing on community education strategies. They are working with 211 as a place to call. They are also providing evidence based curriculum in high schools.

The primary goal is to help anyone recognize a mental health crisis and get help for them. Mental health training for EMS staff has been developed and a PowerPoint training was passed around. Test training was done in Lakewood to fine tune it and the final training will be presented on February 28.

Jeff Bambrick from TFD is going to film the training. It will be about 45 minutes along with handouts. Some of the elements it addresses: mental health needs; what is the system of care; when to call crisis services. The video will be ready sometime in March.

The next step is training people in de-escalation. Optum/Mental Health Crisis want to help with 911 mental health calls.

Some recommended resources:

1. Jodie Leer, from RRC, does one on one training. She's worked with Pierce County Sheriff and has done several in-services over the past 2-3 years.
2. The Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety class. It's 8 hours of evidence based training. There are 29 people trained to become instructors for this class and 5 of those want to bring this training to EMS. There is no cost for groups.

Comments and questions: Sam Yount took the class, says it's good and that their agency is deciding how to use it.

Dr. Ferrer asked if the intent was to reduce EMS mental health transport. Monet replied yes and added that severe mental health patients without Medicaid are not getting care because they don't know who to call for help.

Other questions were posed about the class being geared for the public versus EMS personnel. Monet clarified that the core instruction is the same but they are specifically tailored for the audience.

She also distributed two handouts:

The One Mind Campaign for Law Enforcement dealing with the mentally ill and Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety, the 8 hour training course for the public, especially first responders.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Patsy asked for any more nominations in addition to the two from last meeting. There were none so there was a call for the vote and Patsy was unanimously voted to continue as Chair and Mike Newhouse was voted in as Vice Chair.

New Business:

A. New Protocols Training

Norma had asked that we talk about training for the new protocols and that everyone step up to take the different modules. Actually, this is already in process. Any OTEP protocol questions and comments need to be submitted to Dr. Waffle

B. ESE Training

Calvin Johnson states that the new requirement for ESE training is causing a huge strain on his and other agencies.

Tim Lookabaugh said that it is a State mandate so we need to do this, but right now Norma is the only one teaching it, which is a problem; we need more instructors.

Chris Barnard added that it is an ongoing thing with DOH. They found that ½ of the ESEs are dead. It was that once you had the credential you had it forever, but there seem to be discrepancies about expiration, and whether it ever expires. Things may have changed.

Calvin called for consistency on requirements between agencies. A lot of discussion continued on the concerns about the new requirement.

Patsy advised that we need clarification from Norma about what is happening at the State.

Tim suggested that we need a plan for recertification and that there needs to be more than one person holding the ability to train and authorize and do the recert.

Angie Riggsby added that an SEI should be able to do the initial training and recertification should be able to be done in-house by the agencies.

Todd made a motion that, in the event that the County's EMS system allows it, this committee be able to establish the continuing education guidelines and requirements for recertification as an approved ESE (Emergency Services Evaluator).

Unscheduled Business:

None

Announcements:

The next meeting is the last Wednesday in March, the 29th.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:47am.