

COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS SERVICES A MENTAL HEALTH-LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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TURNING POINT
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

a path to mental health

Individuals in the community who have or appear to have a mental health issue that come to the attention of law enforcement because of behavior that might be better assisted through mental health intervention.

- Taxes law enforcement resources
- May lead to hospitalization – 5150
- May lead to criminal justice involvement

THE CHALLENGE



- ▶ Decreased contact with law enforcement for those struggling with a mental health issue
- ▶ Decreased hospitalizations
- ▶ Decreased criminal justice involvement by those with an underlying mental health need.
- ▶ Better collaboration between mental health and law enforcement

GOALS



Turning Point Community Program clinicians partnered and co-located with local law enforcement:

- Yolo County Sheriff
- Winters Police Department
- Davis Police Department
- Woodland Police Department
- West Sacramento Police Department

CLINICIANS



- ▶ Each area has an assigned clinician who is licensed or has intern status
- ▶ The clinician accompanies law enforcement to respond to calls in which mental health is thought to be a contributing factor
- ▶ Law Enforcement assesses the safety of the situation, then clinician will intervene
- ▶ Respond to adults and youth

CLINICIANS



- ▶ Clinicians are all 5150 certified in Yolo County
- ▶ Other than need for safety, clinician assesses for other needs that may be contributing to crisis and develop a safety/follow-up plan and avoid hospitalization or incarceration

CLINICIANS



- ▶ A next business day call is made to the individual by a peer support specialist
- ▶ The outreach component helps with access to other needed supports and services
- ▶ Support can be over the phone, in person, transportation as needed

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



- ▶ Clinicians typically respond to 911 calls but use has expanded to include calls from HHSA
- ▶ Coordination with California Highway Patrol, AMR, Fire Department or other First Responders.
- ▶ Coordination with local schools and guidance counselors on campus.
- ▶ Early psychosis screening - identify individuals who may be at risk for developing psychosis to link them to services earlier.
- ▶ Review mental health interactions with officers and includes 5150 processes.

EXPANDED USE



- ▶ Senate Bill 82 offers the opportunity to provide client assistance and services relative to crisis intervention, stabilization, treatment, rehabilitative mental health services and mobile crisis support teams.
- ▶ Key concerns identified include improved relationships with law enforcement, increased mental health awareness, and reframing how we treat consumers.

CONCLUSION

- ▶ The CIP team will continue to assess and offer direct access to emergency mental health services, Safe Harbor Crisis House in Woodland, HHSA appointments, and possibly hospital care
- ▶ Turning Point has embraced the promise to change how crisis mental health care is delivered
- ▶ The CIP program is invested in providing mental health care in real time as a crisis unfolds, rather than waiting passively at the emergency room

CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS?

