

BOONE COUNTY JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary

April 28, 2021

Virtual

Attendees: Rusty Antel, Kelli Canada, Mary Epping, Adrienne Mann, Jacob Clifford, Trina Hayes, Jared Drummond, Jean Sax, Kim DeVault, Steve Smith, Scott Olsen, Carla London, Brendon Walker, Rachel Delcau, Andrew Worrall, Kimberly Shaw, Pari Smith, Cavanaugh Noce, Penny Kuhns-Knarr, Mike Trapp, Bob Aulgur, Dan Hanneken.

Kelli Canada first presented about her research project, which focused on the implementation of CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Training in the Department of Corrections, specifically on the attitudes and actions of corrections officers (both line officers and management). Dr. Canada compared the CIT trained and non-CIT trained personnel and looked at whether there was a change in stigma indicators, in use of force, in de-escalation, etc. She stated that the research showed some differences in those officers on the main daytime shift and attributed that in part to the ready availability of mental health resources during that shift. Among the next questions for this population is to look at whether there are fewer violations issued by CIT-trained officers.

Mary Epping then presented about the Justice Reinvestment Act grant that she applied for and received. Many of the applicants for funding were looking at engaging in a Sequential Intercept Mapping project, which we have done here in Boone County as part of our Stepping Up Initiative. Mary noted that the Stepping Up process had focused our attention on the over-representation in our detention facility of those with behavioral health issues, especially the super-utilizers, and the application looked to how we could divert these individuals from the criminal justice system at an earlier stage—before law enforcement is even involved. Funding under the grant has been made available for us to have a “virtual” visit to a community that has implemented one of the methods of diversion at Intercepts 0 and 1—co-responder model, 911 diversion, mobile crisis unit—and to also obtain the services of a consultant to help our community choose the best model for us, given our resources and barriers, many of which have been identified through the Sequential Intercept Mapping exercises that we have already done.

Janet Thompson and Rusty Antel then spoke about the activities that we have engaged in through the Stepping Up Initiative. They include the Sequential Intercept Mappings, the Mental Health Staffing, the shared Community Mental Health Liaison position (with Randolph County), the increased level of CIT training in law enforcement agencies throughout the county, and even in detention staff and 911 telecommunicators, the consensus for the need for a 24/7 access center (Burrell has received State funding to start this program), increased focus on mental health in the jail, including questionnaires upon booking, participation in the data-driven justice initiative, and participation in the legislative efforts to repeal the Federal Medicaid Inmate Exclusion policy. Discussion was had about the need to make the data accessible to the community—as possible, given statutory restrictions.

Please visit the links below for Dr. Canada's publications and presentations regarding her research project.

Presentation: Utilizing Crisis Intervention Teams in Prison to Improve Officer Knowledge, Stigmatizing Attitudes, & Perceptions of Response Options

<https://www.showmeboone.com/commission/JLETF/20210428CITandCorrectionsBCJudtaskforcefinal.pdf>

Utilizing Crisis Intervention Teams in Prison to Improve Officer Knowledge, Stigmatizing Attitudes, & Perceptions of Response Options

<https://www.showmeboone.com/commission/JLETF/20210428CanadaetalCITinCorrections.pdf>

CIT in Corrections: Research Brief, December 2020

<https://www.showmeboone.com/commission/JLETF/20210428CITincorrectionsbrief2020.pdf>