

# LTCC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021 10:00 am

## **36 Zoom users were logged on to the video conference.**

Cynthia Mitchell, the Chair opened the meeting at 10:02 am

Kym Hance moved acceptance of the minutes from the previous quarterly meeting. Sara Deukmejian seconded the motion and the minutes were received unanimously by the LTCC membership.

### **Presentations:**

#### Criminal Justice/Community Service Task Force

- Allison Reynolds/Carrie Wright, Program Director/Chair of Warren-Washington Suicide Prevention.
- Carrie and Allison shared about the purposes and goals of the Criminal Justice/Community Service Task Force. This group is a merger of two different groups.
- Utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) which details how individuals with mental and substance use disorders come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system.
- Substance Use Disorders (SUD) should be viewed as chronic medical illnesses and they should be receiving probation and parole rather than punishment. Prevention and early intervention are preferable to the legal system.
- 19 million American adults have SUD and only 11% are getting treatment. "Recovery is a process rather than an end state."

#### Mobile Crisis Services - Northern Rivers

- Shannon Boreali, School Focused Behaviorist, Northern Rivers Family of Services, Mobile Crisis Services
- She explained the mobile crisis program. It provides support to people who are in crisis, adults or children. They receive calls from mental health professionals or individuals in the community.
- If needed, mobile crisis will go wherever they are requested to go - homes, stores, workplaces, and collaboratively with law enforcement.
- There is no cost for Mobile Crisis services.

#### Mental Health Referrals - Essex county

- Douglas Meyer, Director of Services, Mental Health Association of Essex County Inc. Essex County Law Enforcement Mental Health Referral System (LEMHRS)
- He gave an overview of how LEMHRS developed.

- They use Wufoo.com for law enforcement to make online referrals to this system. He noted that Bail reform has resulted in increased referrals.
- The information received is HIPAA protected and does not flow back to law enforcement.
- This keeps law enforcement from having to be “social workers”.
- He estimated that LEMHRS has reduced hospitalizations and ER transports by 20-25%

Overview/Demonstration of Member Planet (MP) for membership - James Swanson, LTCC Secretary

- He encouraged members to register with Memberplanet using the LTCC membership link <https://mp.gg/a3c5>
  - He noted that members do not need to fill out all of the information MP is requesting, like hometown, DOB, education, etc.
  - But encouraged members to complete the questions about their agency, title and the population which they are serving.
  - He noted that through MP members can access, LTCC documents and event information and the directory of other LTCC members.
- The Google attendance link did not work for several members and they emailed in their attendance. Everyone who registered their attendance received an email which verified their attendance.

Renee Birnbaum moved to close the meeting, Max McDonnell seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:35am.

Sincerely,  
James Swanson  
LTCC Secretary