

Establishing and/or Enhancing Community Collaboration: First Responders' Forum

NYS DCJS Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program

Rensselaer County



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Monroe's Experience: Initial Issues

- *Police – Hospital Interface*
 - Voluntary Transports
 - Relaying of Information / Paperwork
 - Time in Emergency Room
- *Hospital – Clinic Interface*
 - Accessing Appointments After-hours
 - Clinic No-Shows
- *Jail – Hospital Interface*
 - Arrest vs. Assessment / Treatment
 - Transfers between Facilities
- *Inter-Hospital Issues*
 - Transfers between Facilities

Emergency Services Committee



- EMS
- 3 Hospitals (Psychiatric EDs)
- Law Enforcement (Sheriff & City Police)
- Jail (Administration & Mental Health Director)
- Mobile Crisis Team
- County Office of Mental Health

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

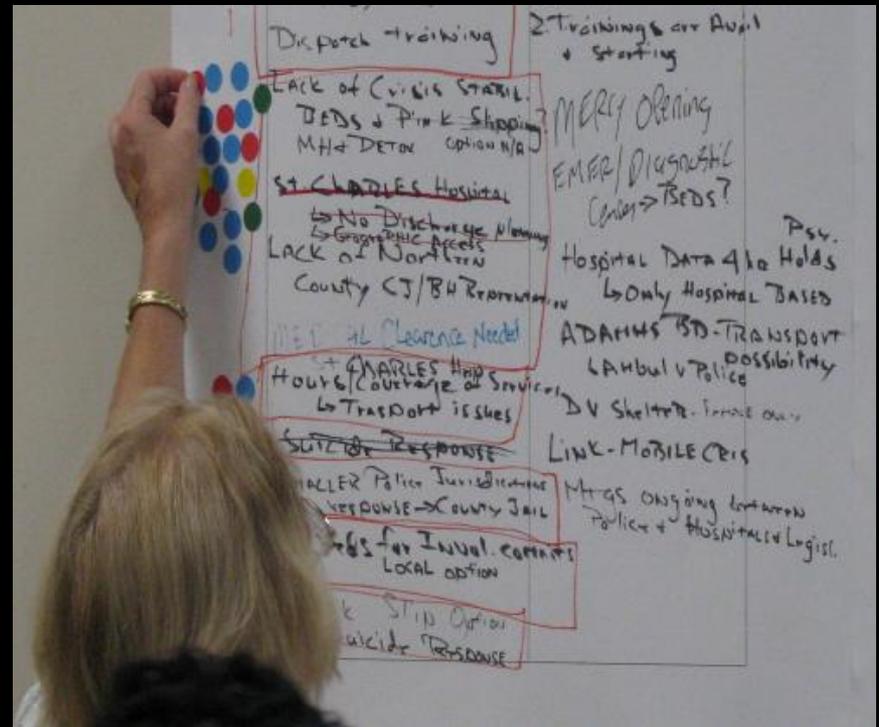
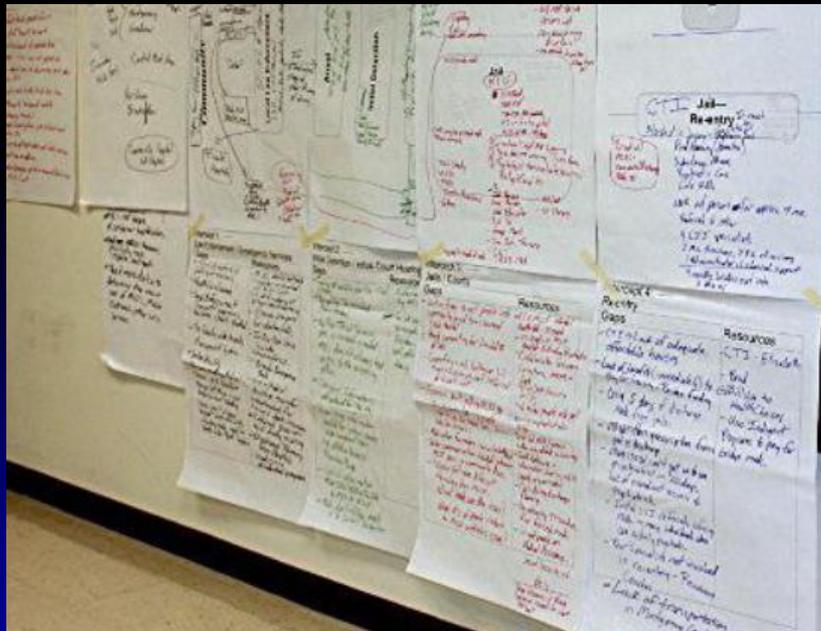
February 13, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Announcements
- VA Referrals
- Care Management Referrals
- ED Interface With:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Jail
 - EMS
 - Substance Use Providers
 - Others
- Child/Youth/Family Issues
- Other Issues

Issues Identified from Sequential Intercept Mapping: Many Communities Could Benefit from Better Coordination / Communication Among First Responders



First / Early Responders to Emotional Crises

- Family
- Police
- EMS / Fire
- Hospitals
- Probation
- Parole
- Jails
- Community Providers
- Others...



Overall Goals

- Enhanced Cooperation / Collaboration
- Sharing of Resources
- Quicker Access to Mental Health Services
 - Decrease of Adverse Incidents
- Greater Efficiency for Law Enforcement



Family &
Consumers

Service
Providers

Police

Jail

Probation

Parole



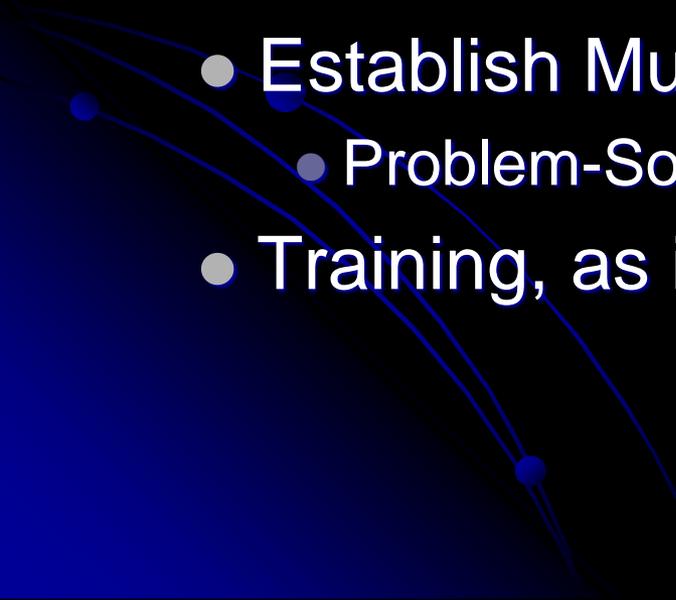
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Others

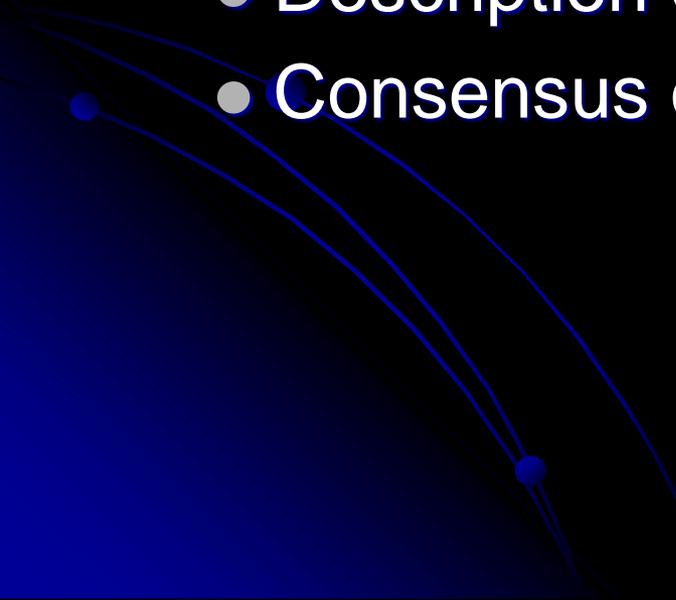
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Hospitals

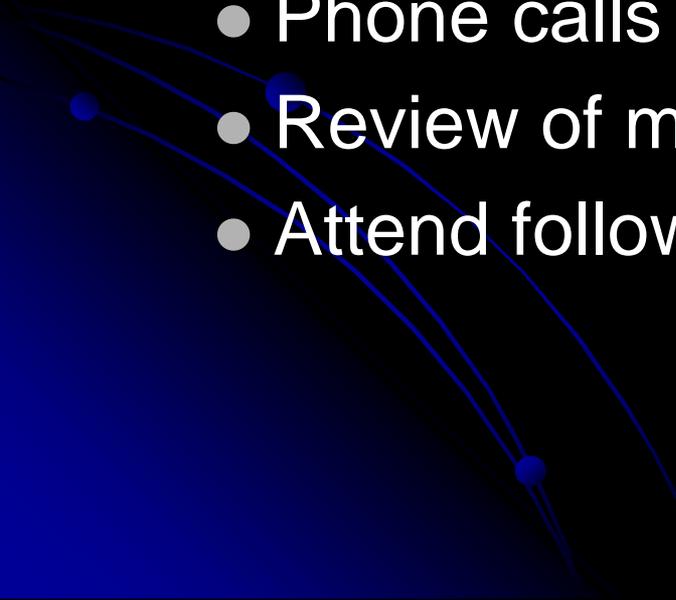
Initial Forum Tasks

- Establishment of monthly forum to address the interface between individuals with mental illness & the criminal justice system
 - Define Meeting Participants
 - Define Roles
 - Establish Mutual Goals
 - Problem-Solve Systemic and/or Specific Issues
 - Training, as identified
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Consultant's Role

- Initial Engagement:
 - Forum Leadership – Identify Co-Chairs
 - Phone Call with Key Stakeholders
 - Goals/Purpose
 - Description of Process
 - Consensus on Forum(s) Development
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Consultant's Role

- Site Visit / Initial Visit:
 - First meeting takes place
 - Ongoing Monitoring / Follow-up Meeting
 - Phone calls
 - Review of minutes (including attendance list)
 - Attend follow-up meeting, if indicated
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Measures

- # of monthly meetings that occur (in 1st 6 mos)
- # key stakeholders that attend
- # of issues identified
- Satisfaction of key stakeholders



