Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence Workshop:

Expanding Specialized Police Response and Collaboration with Behavioral Health Systems in Pennsylvania

Annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference

Grantville, PA

November 30, 2010

9:00 to 9:30  Welcome and Opening Comments --- Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, Drexel University, Ed Mulvey, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Co-Directors of the Center of Excellence, Jacqueline Weaknecht, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and Jessica Reichenbach, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

9:30 to 10:30 Assessing the Need in Pennsylvania:  The Center of Excellence Website, Conversations with Counties, and the State Survey --- Patricia A. Griffin, PhD, Senior Consultant, Center of Excellence, Edward P. Mulvey, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center of Excellence, Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center of Excellence, and Carol A. Schubert, M.P.H., Senior Consultant, Center of Excellence  
- Center of Excellence Website – usage and statistics  
- Lessons learned during the Center of Excellence Cross-Systems Mapping Workshops held in a number of Pennsylvania counties to date with a particular focus on the animated discussions and significant needs seen at Intercept 1 --- the intersection of law enforcement and crisis services  
- Statewide survey of needs at intercept one

10:30 to 10:45 Break

10:45 to 12:00 Concurrent Sessions --- Highlighting Practice in Pennsylvania (Part 1)

Session # 1 --- Multi-County and Multi-Jurisdictional Efforts

Laurel Highlands Region Police CIT Program

Officer Dan Marguccio, City of Johnstown P.D., Law Enforcement Coordinator
Mike Thomas, Manager-Security Service, Conemaugh-Memorial Medical Center, CIT Officer, Windber PD

Tom Bender, Crisis Supervisor, Bedford-Somerset County MH/MR

Wendy Stewart, Executive Director, NAMI Cambria County

❖ The Laurel Highlands Region Police CIT Program crosses county and law enforcement jurisdictions. This session will discuss the challenges in multi-county and multi-jurisdictional efforts while providing practical strategies for success.

Session # 2 --- The Evolution of Justice-Related Services in Montgomery County: A County-Provider Dialogue About a Systems Approach to Change

Nancy Wieman, MS, Deputy Administrator for Mental Health, Montgomery County OBHDD

Don Kline, PhD, Community Outreach/Criminal Justice Director, Montgomery County Emergency Services

❖ Will focus on the ways the county’s justice-related services have changed over the years from the viewpoint of the county’s lead administrator for mental health services and the crisis provider responsible for much of those services

❖ Discussion of planning for these and future changes taking into consideration funding and community resources that have also changed significantly over the years

Session # 3 --- Using Data to Inform Practice

Carol A. Schubert, M.P.H., Senior Consultant, Center of Excellence

Edward P. Mulvey, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center of Excellence

Marcel Schipper, Data Manager/Analyst, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Law & Psychiatry Program

❖ This interactive session will involve several group exercises which focus on data points to track, defining outcomes and conducting an evaluation of specialized police responses to mental health emergencies. Attendees will be given information/materials that can be of practical use for setting up data tracking systems, writing grant applications and designing evaluation plans. This session does not require a background in data collection and/or analysis.

Session #4 --- Involving Consumers in Law Enforcement Training

D.J. Rees, Forensic Systems Peer Support Project Manager, Office of Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services
Wesley Mitchell, Certified Peer Specialist, Forensic Peer Specialist
Donna Keutmann, Peer Services Coordinator, Recovery Partnership
Wendy Smale, Certified Peer Specialist

❖ Session will provide descriptions of two different county programs that have involved consumers in the development and delivery of law enforcement training:
  ▪ Chester County’s Dialogue Training
  ▪ Lehigh County’s three piece information and sensitivity training covering recovery, the Mental Health Procedures Act, and sensitivity

12:00 to 1:00  Lunch

1:00 to 2:15  Concurrent Sessions --- Highlighting Practice in Pennsylvania (Part 2)

Session # 5 --- Law Enforcement and Crisis Services Working Together

Laurel Highlands Region Police CIT Program

Officer Dan Marguccio, City of Johnstown P.D., Law Enforcement Coordinator

Mike Thomas, Manager-Security Service, Conemaugh-Memorial Medical Center, CIT Officer, Windber PD

Tom Bender, Crisis Supervisor, Bedford-Somerset County MH/MR

Wendy Stewart, Executive Director, NAMI Cambria County, NAMI Coordinator

❖ While much of the national discussion at Intercept 1 typically focuses on training for law enforcement, this session will instead focus on the role of crisis services and the ways crisis services, local hospitals, and law enforcement can work together more effectively.

Session # 6 --- Communication and Collaboration Among First Responders

Kim Woods, Base Service Unit Director, Venango County
Venango County has developed policy and procedures regarding the exchange of information between first responders and the Venango County Mental Health System.

This information sharing agreement will be provided.

Session will discuss how this was developed in consultation with John Petrila, JD of the Florida Mental Health Institute, one of the foremost national authorities on legal issues around information sharing between law enforcement and behavioral health services.

Session # 7 --- Using the “Distressing Voices Exercise”

Christina Finello, JD, PhD, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health

Heather Zelle, MS, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health

Kento Yasuharo, MS, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health

This training curriculum, developed by Patricia Deegan, PhD and the National Empowerment Center in Massachusetts, is a simulation experience designed to allow participants to gain a better understanding of what it is like for a person with mental illness to hear voices.

Many specialized police response training programs have incorporated this exercise --- well received by law enforcement officers.

Session will provide an overview of the simulation exercise and information about how to include the exercise into training programs for law enforcement and other interested persons.

Session # 8 --- CIT is More Than Training

Tony Sevick, Director of MH Clinical Services & Quality Management Bucks County MH/MR Department

Carol Meholic, NAMI

Lois Kirgan, Lt. Bensalem Police Department

Steve Kingsdorf, Officer Northampton Police Department

Sharon Curran, Associate Executive Director Lenape Valley Foundation
• Bucks County CIT Taskforce has created a program that includes different levels of training and support for law enforcement and behavioral health providers.

• The training program includes: 3.5 hour law enforcement management training on CIT; 6 hour introduction to CIT; 40 hour CIT certification; 911 training

• Partnerships include: partnering with FTAC for the 6 hour trainings; collaboration with the county’s Code Blue program; collaboration with the county’s Suicide Prevention Taskforce; participation in fairs sponsored by law enforcement; partnerships with legislators to bring Cop to Cop and Vet to Vet suicide prevention hotlines to PA

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:45 Teaching De-Escalation Skills --- Lt. (ret.) Michael S. Woody

Lt. (ret.) Michael S. Woody is the president and founding member of CIT International as well as the Director of Crisis Intervention Team Training for Ohio’s Center of Excellence. Lt. Woody also sits on the Ohio Supreme Court's "Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts" and chairs a subcommittee of that Court entitled "Police Training." Lt. Woody is credited with bringing the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program to Ohio in 2000 and helping to spread it throughout the state. He has received the National "Compassion in Law Enforcement Award", the Summit County, Ohio Mental Health Associations "Heart of Gold Award", and the Ohio Department of Mental Health "Forensic Leadership Award". Lt. Woody has consulted with police, behavioral health, and advocacy organizations throughout the country.

3:45 – 4:30 Next Steps in Pennsylvania --- Kirk Heilbrun, PhD and Ed Mulvey, PhD

A closing session soliciting input from workshop participants on next steps Pennsylvania should take to expand successful specialized police response training initiatives and collaborations between law enforcement and behavioral health systems, including the possibility of developing a state network of Specialized Police Response Coordinators.