

Champaign County Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee

Champaign Police Department

Champaign County Sheriff's Department

Rantoul Police Department

University of Illinois Police Department

Urbana Police Department

METCAD

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2013 CITSC YEAR END REPORT

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Background:

In October 2012, at the Urbana City Building, members from local law enforcement agencies and the mental health community met to discuss the current law enforcement response to citizens in mental health crisis and the lack of needed resources or options. The law enforcement community was represented by the Champaign County Sheriff's Department, Champaign Police Department, University of Illinois Police Department, Urbana Police Department and Champaign County State's Attorney Office. The local mental health system was represented by area mental health providers, the local hospitals, and a member of the jail task force.

The group continued meeting regularly and is now recognized as the Champaign County Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee (CITSC). In order to establish recognition, develop consistency and ensure member availability, as of January 2014, the CITSC decided to meet every other month, at 09:00 hours on the third Wednesday of that month. The meetings are held at the Community Elements building, 801 N. Walnut, Champaign.

2013 Accomplishments:

- CITSC became recognized by law enforcement department heads as an official committee
- CITSC added Rantoul Police Department and METCAD as member agencies
- CITSC presented Law Enforcement Response to Mental Crisis to the Champaign County Mental Health Board
 - The CCMHB responded by appropriating funds to local providers in order to assist with law enforcement needs
 - Three CCMHB members regularly attend CITSC meetings
- Community Elements combined resources with Presence Health to open the Community Resource Center.
 - The intention was for a part of this facility to be a drop off center for law enforcement
 - This project is still developing and evolving, however, is not yet available to local law enforcement
 - There is not a target date for when this project will open its door to law enforcement
- Community Elements developed and secured funding for an Outreach Worker program.
 - This program will allow clinicians to provide phone support and in person assistance to law enforcement
 - Community Elements has a realistic activation target date of April 1, 2014
- A Champaign County Law Enforcement response policy was created and approved by the department heads of the represented departments

CITSC goals for 2014

Short term-Will be completed in 2014

- Implement the new policy and train all area CIT officers and department frontline supervisors to the new policy. In the same training, provide a skills refresher to the CIT officers. (Completed March 2014)
- All CITSC member law enforcement agencies develop a mechanism to track mental health contacts and implement the tracking system
- Assist Community Elements with the training and implementation of the Outreach Workers program
- Work with the hospitals to develop the ability for officers to electronically produce and submit Petitions for Involuntary Admissions
- Build a working relationship with Champaign-Urbana area Psychiatrists and Presence 5east
- Create electronic reference guide for CIT and Non-CIT officers and make the guide available via MDC

Long Term-Ongoing projects that will begin in 2014

- Develop and offer training modules, addressing various needs for current CIT officers
- Develop and offer training modules for front line, non-CIT officers
- Re-develop the electronic reference guide for CIT and Non-CIT officers from an electronic version to a web-based Application
- Continue to work with Community Elements to develop and open a drop off facility for law enforcement

Statistical Review:

Several departments are still developing how their respective department will collect and store data. Until all departments are able to provide data the CITSC will not be able to provide a statistical review of this program. The collection and distribution of data is one of our primary goals for 2014.

Recommendations:

The CITSC law enforcement members thank their respective Chiefs and the Sheriff for the opportunity to participate in this endeavor. As this program is still in its infancy, we recommend the Chiefs and Sheriff continue with the policy as written and support the 2014 goals.

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2013 CITSC Members:

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Presence

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