

LEGAL SERVICES/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

03/01/22 11:45 AM Hagler Auditorium @ City Hall & Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Avalon “Mal” Mallory, Kelly Richards, Dr. Irvin Williams, Lindsay Fryer, Lawrence Powell, Blair Castro, Connie Bookman, Ronnie Rivera, Dave Partrick, Allison Patton, Leslie Powell Boudreaux, Judy Naler, John Johnson , Rachelle Burns, Terri Merrick

Old Business

- **Update on the move from under the I-110 bridge- Lawrence Powell:** All individuals have been moved by now, about 60% are in a better space with coordinated care via Pathways, REAP, or at hotels. Have about two weeks left before items/belongings can be moved. After that, the cleanup will begin. They give about 45 days to retrieve any belongings.
- Homeless bed availability dashboard discussion – we want to keep this on the front of our minds.

New Business

- Introduction of new member, Lindsay Fryer from the State Attorney’s office.
- Dr. Irv Williams, on the work of the Mental Health subcommittee - what they are focused on and what progress has been made.. Substance Abuse, Case Management, and Mental Health- looking at number of Marchman Acts and Baker Acts, but there is a lot of discussion going on now about our current data system and how we can best track these indicators. They are looking at availability of services, and what data sources exist already and how they can better be utilized.
- Ronnie gave a recap of previous meeting with Judge Erica Quartermane and the Sarasota court’s action plan, etc. Ronnie will send out the document for our review. This subcommittee has been focused on pre- and post- diversionary programs for those who are homeless and who have mental health disorders.
- The group brainstormed ways to plug into some of existing initiatives and how to possibly provide the needed services to those who are involved in the criminal justice system. Dr. Williams says we currently struggle in identifying resources for those who don’t meet Baker Act criteria, and also, if they do meet criteria, after they’re released, how do we plan to engage them long term? The mental health group has been focused on the homeless population’s public interface with law enforcement and how to help those who need services.

- Rachele mentioned having social workers embedded in the ECSO, and having officers trained in CIT. ECSO and PPD are all currently trained in CIT.
- Allison says that one of the main issues they are helping those get services who are aught up in the Criminal Justice system, Lakeview does have a forensic division that works with those who fall in this category, but community struggles for those who need residential treatment environmental, they need to be screened and places in living environment where they can access outpatient mental health services. Right now, these beds at The Lodges are always full, but could potentially try to create opportunities for those who need transitional care.
- Kelly said there were 17 Baker Acts and 1 Marchman act just today! The problem is that when someone is discharged after they don't meet the criteria, there is no follow-up. John mentioned that we have seen a significant decreased in mental health beds; we could help mitigate these issues by providing services in the streets. We need to consider how can we help managed them via mobile unit but understanding that they ma not be able to answer every single call. Possibly a universal release of information/document that can allow groups to talk to each other and share resources.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 PM