

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee

Meeting Summary for September 16, 2021

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## 1. **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Anne Deacon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held via remote-only Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Doug Chadwick, Anne Deacon, Todd Donovan, Mike Hilley, Jack Hovenier, Michael McAuley

Members Absent: Tyler Schroeder

## 2. **[Census Update \(00:01:00\)](#)**

Deacon reported on the current use of both units, which is at about 88 percent, issues with cameras and staffing, first responder drop-off use, the status of the mural project, legislative advocacy, the potential for making this facility a pilot project in coordination with State legislators, involuntary certification status, and the workforce shortage

Committee members discussed whether they are doing tours of the facility.

## 3. **[Data Collection Review \(00:09:12\)](#)**

Committee members discussed ongoing data they are collecting:

- Data from the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO)
- They are getting monthly data from both providers
- Staff is working with Jeremy Morton to compile the data
- Admission data and diversion from jail or the emergency department
- The detox unit is often trying to get a client into inpatient treatment
- Whether clients would have gotten treatment services elsewhere if the facility didn't exist
- The facility program is medically-monitored, which is a higher level of care
- Law enforcement transporting to the emergency department for stabilization, before being transferred to the crisis stabilization facility
- Consider what data information they want to report to the community
- Whether the rate of 1/3 of all referrals who complete their stay is a good rate
- Medical reimbursement for transport
- The program advisory committee is available to resolve issues and set priorities for the program
- Whether the managed care organizations (MCOs) are adequately reimbursing the providers

## 4. **[Legislative Advocacy \(00:39:00\)](#)**

Deacon reported on prioritizing advocacy on Medicaid rates, with some focus on the behavioral health crisis system. State legislator have gotten them additional money to support operations. It's important to not lose Roger Goodman's interest, as it will be critical for these issues.

## 5. **[Program Advisory Committee work \(00:41:37\)](#)**

Deacon reported on the committee's schedule and focus on the main referral services, so the services works for people. The committee should continue for many years, as a hub in the crisis system.

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### **6. [Future Considerations for Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee \(00:44:10\)](#)**

Deacon reported on how to use this committee of the Task Force, given the program advisory committee's work on programs. She recommends that this committee meet quarterly and focus on how to get involuntary certification. She is retiring soon and will no longer be able to participate in this committee.

Committee members discussed next steps for this committee. The work of this committee moving forward could be wrapped into the Behavioral Health Committee. Committee members thanked Ms. Deacon for her work on the committee. They need to consider the role of this committee in serving on the broader Task Force. They will discuss the future of the committee at Steering Committee.

This item will be referred to the Steering Committee.

### **7. [Task Force Communications \(00:56:15\)](#)**

Jill Nixon, County Council Office Legislative Coordinator, asked for recommendations on agencies, individuals, and community groups that would be interested in receiving information on the Task Force. Suggestions include:

- All behavioral health service providers
- All law enforcement agencies, including the tribes, Customs, Border Patrol, etc.
- Housing providers
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies and fire districts

Nixon stated the Steering Committee is developing a scope of work for a communications consultant that would include developing a campaign around certain Task Force initiatives and topics. The committee recommended:

- How many people are being diverted to the crisis stabilization center from jail and the emergency department
- How many people are receiving services that prevent arrest and incarceration, who would not have received services before the opening of the new Center

### **8. [Other Business \(01:03:06\)](#)**

Committee members thanked Anne Deacon for her service and work.

### **9. [Public Comment](#)**

There was no public comment.

### **10. [Adjourn](#)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.