

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2013

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Corrections Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Frank Susman at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Center, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following individuals present:

Members Present:

Frank Susman, Legal Community
Michelle George, Juvenile Justice
Mary Ellen Gonzales, Restorative Justice
Adan Mendoza, Law Enforcement
Joan Morales, Public Defender's Office
Steve S. Spencer, Medical Community/Substance Abuse
Judy Williams, Community at-large
Dale Lettenberger, Law Enforcement - Investigative Bureau

Member(s) Excused:

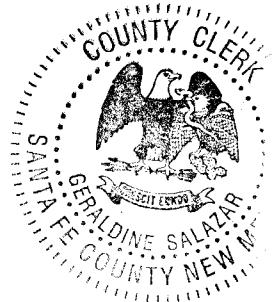
Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz, Mental Health Community
Maria Cristina Lopez, Immigrant Advocacy Community

Staff Present:

Pablo Sedillo, County Public Safety Director
Mark Gallegos, Santa Fe County Warden
Tila Rendon-Varela, Department Administrator, Public Safety Department
Mark Caldwell, Santa Fe County Deputy Warden
Amanda Valencia, Youth Interim Administration
Mark Caldwell, Deputy Warden
Ardis Thomas, ADF CQI Coordinator
Lisa Leiding, ADF Nurse Administrator
Robert Ortiz, ADF Chaplain

Others Present:

Roman Garcia



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III. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of September 12, 2013 Meeting

The agenda and the October 10, 2013 meeting minutes were accepted by consensus.

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Presentation by ADF Staff

Ardis Thomas, CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) Coordinator, introduced the Adult Detention Facility (ADF) staff.

a. Classification Process

Warden Mark Gallegos provided information on the programs inside the jail and the jail's efforts to coordinate and follow up with programs once the detainee leaves the facility. He said developing strong wrap-around services with a point of contact to an array of different providers within the community has proved challenging.

The warden explained that following booking intake, a medical and psychiatric screening occurs – comprehensive physical – that aids in the development of a treatment plan and then a determination is made for classification/custody level which is based on the crime, pending cases, previous crimes, etc. From that determination, the inmate is assigned to a pod – each pod has a behavioral health therapist and a case manager. Pods range in population from 24 to 40. Unless they bond out, inmates are classified within 24 hours of being booked.

According to Warden Gallegos the average length of stay in the ADF is 9.5 days. He noted that on weekends they average 50 to 70 bookings. He attributed the increase in jail population to Santa Fe's non-bond policy for DWI.

Warden Gallegos said the facility's interdisciplinary treatment team meets on Wednesdays to discuss in-facility individual treatment plans and possible providers for the inmate upon leaving the facility. The team staffs approximately 70 cases per month. He discussed the crisis stabilization program; a specialized inmate-housing unit with continuous observation. He provided a breakdown of the inmates' health related problems: 80-90 percent have substance abuse issues; 65+ percent have mental health issues with 47 percent of them having dual diagnoses. Acknowledging the prevalence of substance and mental health issues within the inmate population, Warden Gallegos said there is a tremendous need for ADF to secure wraparound services within the community. Data suggests that only 3 out of 10 individuals leaving ADF continue treatment. Life Link, the Guidance Center and St. Vincent's Care Connection were mentioned as treatment providers.

b. Medical Responsibilities

Lisa Leiding, AFD Nurse Administrator, said an inmate is given a questionnaire screening tool to ascertain their substance use, medications, allergies, as well as screening for suicidal tendencies.

In response to a question of whether the inmate provided information is reliable, Ms. Leiding said if the inmate is going to be detoxing in the facility they are going to provide

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accurate information because they'll need ADF's help. She said most of the inmates are repeat residents.

Screening also includes the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (victim of sexual assault) and questions are repeated during different screening procedures. On a monthly basis, DOH tests inmates for STDs, HIV, hepatitis, and syphilis.

In an effort to address the high opiate overdose rates, the County in conjunction with DOH, is developing a suboxone program for individuals and their families. UNM Hospital admits heroine-using inmates to the hospital for a three to five day detox and pregnant opiate addicted women can be helped through La Familia.

The facility's new medical director, Dr. Taylor, was introduced.

c. Programs

Chaplain Robert Ortiz discussed the in-house programs provided by staff and those offered through volunteer/community programs. AA, court ordered education (anger management, parenting skills), GED, ESL, disease prevention, life skills, music appreciation, were mentioned. Narcotics Anonymous, AA and bible studies are programs that are available on the outside with sponsors. He mentioned a successful program where the inmate records a recital of a children's book which is then forwarded to the inmate's child; this volunteer program has been very successful for the child as well as the parent inmate. Upaya Zen Center has also offered a stress reduction program useful as a pathway back into the community.

Chaplain Ortiz said each inmate has access to their chosen faith community and religious materials are provided. A Native American spiritual advisor participates in a sweat lodge event. A new mentoring group is working to create a transition house in Santa Fe.

Chaplain Ortiz identified getting arrested and entering the facility as a tremendous stress on an individual.

Ms. Leiding said following the medical intake process, the team determines whether the individual requires closer follow up, especially those withdrawing from alcohol. With inmate consent, physicals and medications are confirmed and information is share back out into the community.

Referring to restorative justice, Warden Gallegos said this is an effort to have the inmate take ownership of what they have done, repair the harm they have caused the victim and reenter the community. ADF does not facilitate meetings with the victim. Unless court sanctioned, an inmate cannot be made to do anything – it is all by volunteer.

Questions arose as to whether the judicial system was aware of the high opiate rate and mental health problems of the inmate population. Warden Gallegos said ADF provides reports to the courts. He emphasized that the ADF is not a mental health facility.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, Chair Susman thanked the presenters.

V. Report by Chair

Chair Susman advised the Council of the December 4th meeting with the judges. Ms. Morales said with the changes in the behavioral health community there will be an influx of

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people entering that community which will have an impact on the jail population causing them to fall further behind on the wait list to receive services. This Council, the DWI Planning Council and the Health Policy and Planning Council (HPPC) are tasked to develop reintegration procedures, reduce recidivism, etc., and they will be attending the December 4th meeting/forum along with other community health related providers. Judge Marlow Sommer is developing an agenda and this is the start of community communications and collaborations. At this point, the City's LEAD program will not be a participant – they consider themselves to be provider specific.

Ms. Morales encouraged attendance at the meeting and asked that the invitation be extended to other community partners "This is our community and we have to figure it out together."

VI. General Discussion

Ms. Williams said the HPPC has completed the Community Health Profile and is now working on the action plan. The action plan is a compilation of priorities with overarching requirements that include the coordination of services.

Dr. Spencer said he reviewed the Affordable Care Act and its application to pre-adjudicated detainees through Medicaid. Ms. Williams said County staff is working with the jail to help enroll inmates upon release into the Medicaid program.

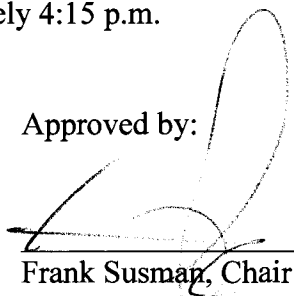
Ms. Morales said the follow-up for an individual leaving jail is difficult. The Human Services Division and someone from Centennial Care will be present at the December 4th meeting.

VII. Schedule Next Meeting: December 12, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Youth Development Program.

VIII. Adjournment

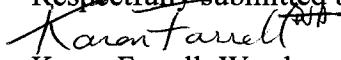
This meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Approved by:



Frank Susman, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:


Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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