

Drug Commission Meeting
August 22, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm
Center for Conflict Resolution, 1734 E. 63rd St., Ste 305, KCMO 64110
Minutes

Present:

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Lanna Ultican
James Witteman, Jr.
Mark S. Bryant
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Melesa Johnson

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young, COMBAT
Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services
Michael Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Chief Byron Price, Drug Task Force
Capt. Ron Legg, South Patrol
Marva Moses, Hope Hangout
Charlie Gascich, Whatsoever
Darrell Stone, Whatsoever
Capt. Daniel Graves, Kansas City Police Dept.
Gregory Winship, Center for Conflict Resolution
Luis Virgil, Independence Police Dept.
Major Ed Turner, Independence Police Dept.
Sarah Tilbury, Independence Police Dept.
Michelle Asby, Community Mental Health Liasion
Joan Dickey, COMBAT
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Rebecca Miller, Communications
Laci Beavers, Communications
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Gene Morgan stated that the minutes should be changed to Dr. Walls. Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve July minutes; Mark Bryant second; motion passed.

Center for Conflict Resolution

Gregory Winship told everyone about the Center for Conflict Resolution. He discussed their restorative justice management training. The Center for Conflict Resolution also works with the Prosecutor's office on neighborhood accountability. They have been assisting the Kansas City Public Schools on restorative discipline using conflict resolution and peer mediation.

Mike Mansur from the Jackson County Prosecutor's office said they work together on low level felonies as part of the Smart Prosecution grant. He also mentioned that NOVA and KCPS identify kids most at risk for violence and gangs. They create circle groups to help these kids reorder the way they think about situations.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Mike Mansur did not have a report.

Captain Daniel Graves from KCPD thanked Stacey for her service on behalf of KCPD. He reported they have had 27 opioid deaths that they are going to map. Most of them are in rural areas. Mike Mansur asked if he had last year's numbers and he didn't.

Dan Cummings from the Drug Task Force reported that they executed a search warrant last week in Lee's Summit at a home daycare where their 18-19 year old son, was found with 2-3 grams of heroin on him.

Jaime asked what does help look like for the kid and how does the police determine that a kid gets help. Dan stated that the kid has to want help. Melesa Johnson stated we do charge users that have a firearm so this option is being offered to all users. Mark Bryant asked if this is really offered to everyone. Dan stated that it depends on the situation. They prefer putting them into diversion programs to keep them out of the system. Mark and Lana stated that a kid should be given a second chance if it's their first offense, even if they have a bad attitude. Dan stated that if they're eligible for Drug Court and seek treatment, then they are given a second chance.

Tammie asked for the numbers on PCP. Dan stated that they don't see much on it. Captain Daniel Graves stated that KCPD sees it in the inner city, and they see it year round. He stated that it's more prevalent and that marijuana and PCP is the basis of most of the violence in the City.

Marva and Hope Hangout Update

Marva Moses, director of Hope Hangout, gave an update on Hope Hangout. Marva discussed how Urban Plunge Club kids came to Hope Hangout kids every month this summer. She's had 280 kids from all over the country (mainly from rural areas) spend time with them.

One of her kids, Loren McDaniel, who was shot in the face spoke to the group and told how Urban Plunge kids from Arkansas sent prayers. Youth crime rate was reported to have gone down 31% in the area. Marva has several different groups: Youth for Change, Student Overcoming Life Obstacles, and Lotus.

Mark Bryant asked Marva to clarify how only 98 out of the 223 kids completed the program. Marva explained that some of the kids were not in the program.

Captain Ron Legg added that Marva utilizes the Impact Squad. The Impact Squad contacts families when they are in a crisis and gets them into the program. He also mentioned that Marva goes out with the Impact Squad when they contact some of the families. It has been a great start and partnership.

Jaime stated that Captain Ron Legg should come back for another meeting to discuss the Impact Squad and how they are used.

Stacey stated that next month the Drug Commission will have proposals submitted for the targeted initiatives. She mentioned that there is enough to fund \$55,000 for each initiative. Jaime reported that Mildred Edwards hasn't sent her report yet and there were a lot of tasks. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Whatsoever

Charlie Gascich, director of Whatsoever, discussed their updates. Darrell Stone, Whatsoever's acting board person was with him. Stacey told the Drug Commissioners that a lot of progress has been made. They replaced the roof and ceiling tiles. They would like to move the preschool in the building across the street; this will open the building for 2 more rooms. Darrell stated that he supports Whatsoever because it helps the kids and it keeps them out of trouble. He also said Whatsoever gets 100 kids a day for its camp. Stacey reported that they have a prevention program that uses Lion's Quest and a Youth Leadership program for older kids.

Independence CIT Targeted Initiative Update

Luis Virgil stated that the Independence CIT Targeted Initiative started because they noticed a small population of people making numerous calls. In fact, 13 people had made 263 calls. Referred to as chronic, they are dual diagnosed with mental illness and addiction. They created a full-time CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) officer to handle these calls. David Abraham took a 40 hour course that teaches about mental illness, de-escalation, and other resources to provide help. COMBAT funds this CIT officer. The Independence Police Department partnered with Comprehensive Mental Health to help with these cases. The 13 people that had made 263 calls, are now responsible for 5 calls.

Keith Querry asked about Officer Wagstaff. Luis stated that he's in a more intensive, more self-help facility and that he remembers the event and people. The bullet will not be removed.

Stacey informed IPD that they should incorporate this position into their own budget for sustainability. Major Ed Turner stated that there's no affirmative answer on if the position will be incorporated into their budget, however, the position is crucial and definitely needed.

Opioid Database

Vince reported on the Opioid database. Midwest HIDTA started a database to track opioids in a cloud. The information can be overlaid onto COMBAT's mapping. They want to track deaths, suicides, overdoses, and Narcan revivals. Vince believes that the EMT's will be the best to capture this.

Stacey reported that the police department has the money for Narcan.

Keith Querry asked for opinions on the Governor's plan and Jaime responded that there are no Legislators or funding behind it. The Governor's plan will prosecute doctors. She also stated that it only goes through express scripts.

Jaime also told the Drug Commissioners that Frank White will do the initial interviews for COMBAT's new director and that the Drug Commissioners can see the finalists and give their opinions. They have started the interviews and have narrowed it down to 8 people.

Announcements:

The Treatment and Law Enforcement Forum is tomorrow on August 23rd from 1:30-3:30 PM at South Patrol, 9701 Marion Park Dr, Kansas City, MO 64137.

The last Neighborhood Clean-Up is on Tuesday, August 29th from 10-12 Noon at 4048 Bellefontaine Ave., Kansas City, MO 64130.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.