

The City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission Is Proud to Host a

POLICING & MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Thursday, May 7, 2015, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
The School of Business Innovators Room
California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA

Police interaction with the mentally ill is a topic of national interest in today's society. This forum is being held to discuss the efforts underway in the City of Riverside to insure that our police force is trained and prepared to deal with situations they may encounter with mentally ill individuals. The panel will discuss the programs the Riverside County Department of Mental Health has developed in coordination with the Riverside Police Department for training and support of the Riverside police officers. The Police Department will discuss the use of compassionate policing in the Department. In addition, peer support counselors and family advocates will present information about the experience with the Riverside Police Department and how it has evolved over time.

Introductions & Opening Comments

Jane Adams – CPRC Vice-Chair and Policing & Mental Health Committee Chair

Chief Sergio Diaz – Chief of Police, City of Riverside Police Department

Jerry Wengerd – Director, Riverside County Department of Mental Health

Tony Ybarra – CPRC Commissioner, Policing & Mental Health Committee Member, and Forum Moderator

Panelists

Compassionate Policing – Lt. Dan Hoxmeier, Riverside Police Department, Field Operations Division

Compassionate Policing's purpose is to safely come to the aid of those in crisis, restore order out of chaos, and to safely help those who are suffering, as well as their families, have an opportunity to receive assistance from the most appropriate mental health care providers available.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training – Tiffany Ross, LCSW

The training and collaboration between the Department of Mental Health and Law Enforcement.

Tiffany is Riverside County Dept. of Mental Health's primary trainer and coordinator for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training with the City of Riverside Police Department and Riverside County Sheriff's Department. She has been with the Department of Mental Health for 14 years; 13 as a Clinical Therapist for the CalWORKS Program and 1 year as a Training Specialist with the Workforce Education and Training Unit.



Clinical Issues and 5150 Application - David M. Schoelen, LCSW

Clinical issues related to mental health as well as the parameters of Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), (involuntary psychiatric hold) and 5150 application as defined by law.

David has worked in public mental health for 27 years serving children, adults, and older adults. He is the senior trainer for the Department of Mental Health's class authorizing civilian professionals to evaluate and write 5150 holds.

Peer Support – Maria and Rick Algarin

Maria and Rick have a loved one challenged with severe mental illness. Their program offers support, education, and resources to families and caregivers of a loved one with severe mental illness and helps them navigate through Mental Health service.

Maria Algarin

Family Advocate, Prevention and Early Intervention, providing families with information and education on support. Maria has been a family advocate with the Department of Mental Health for 7 years.

Rick Algarin

Forensics, Mental Health Court, Public Guardian, Long-Term Care and Veterans. Rick has been with the Department of Mental Health for 2 years.

Peer Support – Mario Lopez

Mario has overcome many challenges and continues to share his road to recovery with the people he serves.

Mario is a Senior Peer Support Specialist and has been with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health for 8 years.

HHOPE Program – Lynne Brockmeier, Administrative Services Manager

Manager for the HHOPE Program (Homeless, Housing, Opportunities, Partnership, and Education) with oversight of the Housing Crisis Response Teams providing outreach and engagement to those living on the streets.

Lynne has worked for Riverside County for 18 years and currently oversees the HHOPE Program for the Department of Mental Health.

CREST Program – Kristin Miller, LCSW

An overview of the Department's new CREST Program (Community Response Evaluation and Support Teams).

Kristin has worked for the Department of Mental Health for 16 years. She has been a Clinical Therapist serving people who are experiencing severe and persistent mental illness for many years and is currently Mental Health Services Supervisor with the CREST Program (Community Response Evaluation and Support Teams).