

Livermore Equity & Inclusion Working Group Subgroup B: Policing and Human Services Meeting Date: April 8, 2021

SUMMARY NOTES (Facilitated by Public Dialogue Consortium)

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Human Services and Police Department

- I. Coordinate human services with the Livermore Police Department.
 - **a.** Lieutenant Jason Boberg presented on 5150 hold (i.e. involuntary confinement of a person for the purposes of a psychiatric evaluation) and suicide data in Livermore. This presentation was followed by questions and comments by subgroup members and answers from LPD staff.

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- II. Police Chief Jeramy Young, with assistance from Lieutenant Jason Boberg, presented two different options for coordinating mental health professionals with police officers: The CAHOOTS model (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) and a model for pairing mental health clinicians with patrol officers. This presentation was followed by questions and comments by subgroup members and answers from LPD staff.
 - The CAHOOTS model from Eugene, Oregon has trained crisis workers, not clinicians, go out into the field, paired with an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) as needed. The Oakland Police Department and some other local agencies are developing programs based in this model.
 - LPD is exploring a different model, one that pairs a clinician with an officer in the field.
 - Lieutenant Boberg is doing research on these models and has upcoming meetings scheduled with local human services organizations.
 - LPD currently has crisis family counseling set up internally. So, they already have a framework to start a pilot test to pair a clinician with an officer.
 - One limitation with CAHOOTS is it does not necessarily use clinicians. Most are Crisis Workers who are paired with an EMT.

III. Concluding points

- Group members expressed appreciation for LPD and their approach to exploring models and logistics to incorporate Human Services on mental health calls to police.
- More specifically, group members supported further exploration of the model to pair a mental health clinician with LPD officer

Next Steps

- Next Subgroup Meeting Thursday, April 29 at 7:00pm
- Second Story-Telling Session Thursday, April 22 at 7:00pm