

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 Mental Health #5

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SCPRC	10/09/2023	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

Additional outreach to mental health providers is needed.

Changes to Existing Policy(s): Improve outreach to mental health providers on how to partner with the Police Department and collaborate on the Crisis Intervention Team.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

Deinstitutionalization coupled with inadequate and strained community resources have resulted in many people with mental illness not having access to care. They often experience police encounters that can turn deadly. Injuries and death to both people with mental illness and officers underscore the need for mental health professionals and the police to establish effective and sustained partnerships to ensure the care and safety for this population.

SPD RESPONSE

SPD does not have a "Crisis Intervention Team," but since 2019, SPD has assigned officers to the Mental Health Unit (MHU), which currently consists of two officers attached to the IMPACT team. During their shifts, they routinely respond to calls for service across the city, follow-up on referrals, and participate in ongoing department training.

Coordination and outreach to mental health providers is the responsibility of the County of Sacramento.

Even still, the MHU have partnered with several mental health providers and services across the city to include, but not limited to:

- Department of Community Response
- HOPE Cooperative Mental Health Crisis Respite Care
- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Sacramento Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic (MHUCC)
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Turning Point Community Programs
- WellSpace Health

MHU also facilitates the POST-certified, 40-hour, Crisis Intervention Training for all new officers and incorporates teaching alongside aforementioned mental health providers.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

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