

The Burien Model of Police and Human Service Collaboration

King County RLSJC Presentation

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The Foundation

- Human Service Manager- Colleen Brandt-Schluter
- Chief Theodore “Ted” Boe
- Chief Mike Marrs
- Intentional Partnership and Leadership
- Listening to Community Needs
- Trying to Understand Individual Needs
- Being Uncomfortable Sometimes
- Creating Space for Alternatives





CRU	Crime Reduction Unit 3 officers
CCS CReW	Catholic Community Services Outreach
ETS REACH	Evergreen Treatment Services Outreach

Gaps in our System

- 66 Year Old Male
 - 85 Fire calls in 3 years
 - Multiple major medical issues
 - Alcoholic
 - Housed
- 12 Year Old Female
 - Police Response for Disturbance- No Crime
 - Use of Molly (MDMA)
 - 5 Schools in Last Year
 - No Counselor Engagement
 - “Lonely and having trouble fitting anywhere”

First Crack at Enhancing Safety in Burien



Outreach

- Social Worker
- Mobile/Downtown Emphasis
- Business Hours



Community Response Team

- Team: Mental Health & EMS Professionals
- Mobile Integrated Health/Co-Response
- (4) Ten-hour shifts



Storefront Resource Center

- Police Officer
- High Visibility Downtown
- Daytime Support

Addition of Police Team(s)

- Mark Ellerbrook's Influence
- Support for Building Out Police Teams
 - SW Precinct/ Burien Police Model
- Access to Funding, Grants and Creativity
- Desire to Leverage Existing Burien Partnerships
- Desire to Utilize Burien City Resources
 - Oversight/ Supervision
 - RFP Processing
 - Grant Management
 - Financial Intermediary

Meet the Team!

Anyah Zupancic- Grant Reporting, RFP's/ Contracts, Billing

Sgt. Henry McLauchlan- Supervision, SOP, Work Assignment

Firefighter Tony Rosenthal- EMT Co-Responder

Lindsay Mueller- MHP Co-Responder (Fire)

Detective Scott Mandella- Police Co-Responder

Daisy Espinoza- MHP Co-Responder (Police)

Detective Eric Turner- Police Co-Responder---**Coming Soon**

Allie Smith- MHP Co-Responder (Police)---**Coming Soon**

Oct 2022-June, 2023

People Served by Co-Responders: 498

Connected to Outside Resources: 395

Behavioral Health: 193

Primary Medical Care: 107

Shelter: 68

Food Assistance: 31



Acceptance by Cops and Firefighters

“Traditional crisis support options for Deputies such as the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) are understaffed and can take hours to respond to help community members. Having a resource such as MHP Espinoza allows Deputies to have a more targeted approach to otherwise nebulous problems and will potentially diffuse and eradicate issues before they travel further down the criminal justice system pipe-line.”

“I enjoyed working with Daisy and am excited to do more. So Scott, just saying, maybe you need to be sick more often.”

“Your combined efforts may be the single coolest thing I’ve seen in a long time. To have this effort begin with a bona fide street cop who recognized the larger issue at hand to the successful handoff to our co-responder unit who provided follow on services, this is what it’s all about. Traditional police work will always have its role in society. My favorite cops (and MHP’s) are the ones wise enough to know what approach is appropriate given the situation at hand.”

Questions?

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