

Developing a Non-Law Enforcement Crisis Response Model

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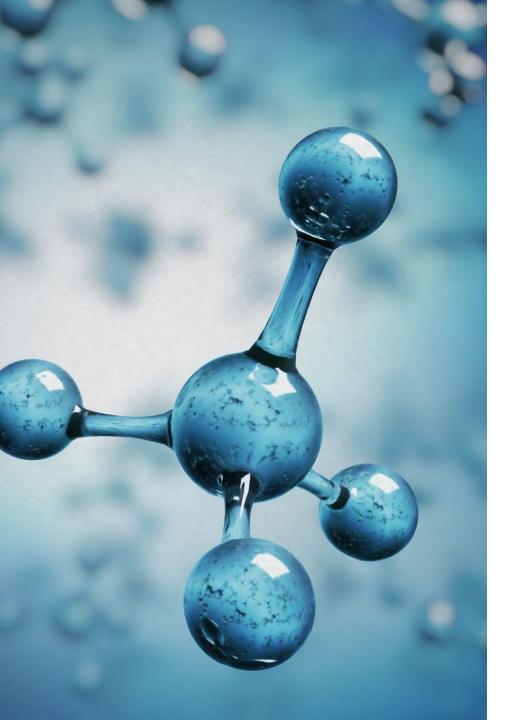


Overview

- Existing and Emerging Models of Crisis response
- Why a non-law enforcement option is needed
- The question everyone asks-what about safety?
- Developing a model that is responsive to the community it serves

Models of Crisis Response

	Police	Social Worker/Clini cian	Medical professional	Peer worker	Overview	Details
Crisis Intervention Team						police officers with 40 hours of behavioral health training and strong community partnerships
Co- Responder Team						Officers and social workers respond to situations together
Mobile Crisis Team						Teams of social workers, & peers respond to crises
CAHOOTS						Crisis Worker, Medic respond to crisis calls



Variations in Models

- How dispatched/accessed?
 - 911, Crisis Line, other
- Who Responds?
 - Police, EMS/Fire, Clinicians, Crisis Worker, Medic, Peers
- Transport options?
 - Police car, Ambulance, Van
- Where is service housed?
 - Police agency
 - Fire/EMS
 - Mental Health Agency
- Funding?
 - Police Budget
 - Mental Health System budget
 - Other









Why is a Non-Law Enforcement Model needed?

Police presence escalate a crisis situation

Trauma

Stigma

Communities are demanding this!!!



What about safety?

- CAHOOTS has demonstrated that a large portion of mental health related 911 calls can be safely handled without police involvement
- The key is to develop triage protocols and training
- Potential for Bias in triage protocols

Developing a Model that is Responsive to the Community

Community stakeholders must be involved in all aspects of development, planning and ongoing implementation oversight.

