

CARVER COUNTY LAC Meeting

DATE: February 14, 2017

LEADER: Lisa Gjerde

TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

RECORDER: Caroline Beise

COUNCIL MEMBERS			LIAISON MEMBERS			GUESTS
Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name
Caroline Beise	√		Beth Fagin	√		Sheriff Jim Olson
Lisa Gjerde	√		Michelle Faith	√		Sgt. Tony Kjorstad
Sue Kunitz	√		Melissa Hanson	√		Samantha Bordak
Becky Maas		√	Gary Norman	√		Sam Deweese
Sue Kunitz		√				Heather Williams
Noah McCourt	√					
Becky Sorenson	√					
Eddie Tipton	√					
Virginia Wright	√					

Agenda	Activity/Discussion	Decision/Action
Agenda Item 1:	<p>Call to Order: Lisa called the meeting to order</p> <p>Introduction of Guests: Sheriff Jim Olson, Carver County Sgt. Tony Kjorstad, Chaska Police Department Heather Williams, Community Member Sam Deweese, Community Member Samantha Bordak, Special Ed Advisory Council</p>	Welcome
Agenda Items 2	<p>Approve February Agenda: The motion was made by Eddie to approve the February agenda; Virginia seconded.</p>	Approved by consensus

<p>Agenda Item 2 – Cont.:</p> <p>Agenda Items 3A:</p> <p>Agenda Items 3B:</p>	<p>Approve January Minutes: Becky S. made a motion to approve January minutes; seconded by Eddie.</p> <p>What We Have? By Sheriff Olson and Sgt. Kjorstad :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All jail staff have had 40 hr. course • Patrol has had 8 hr trainings • Peace Officers Standards of Training (POST) Board will probably make CIT training mandatory in the future • Approximately 25% of Chaska police officers have had the one-day CIT course • Sheriff’s staff spends \$100,000 for all patrol to be trained • Huge part of police job is liability • Sgt. Kjorstad gave example of recent de-escalation <p>Ideal Amount of Training?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Olson and Sgt. Kjorstad both said a 40-hour course would be ideal. After that, a refresher course every so often (no time given) • Refresher courses for firearms and use of force; expenditures are partially reimbursed by the POST Board • Hypothetically, it would cost around \$47,000 to train each Chaska police officer in the week-long CIT course, including wages • Virginia asked if there was any thought for increased need for de-escalation - - roles played by stress, social media, maybe fewer resources for help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 911 often responds to crisis calls • Virginia said the best experiences she has had have been with crisis • Sheriff Olson said many people in jail would be better served in other facilities • Lisa noted much of the problem falls back on a lack of funding • Gary mentioned if we train the trainer and trainer moves on, we have lost the trainer. Which direction should we go? • Barbara Schneider – training would be best even though it costs more; next was train the trainer • Eddie asked how serious opioid abuse is in the eyes of law enforcement. Law will deal with medical issues first, then mental health issues • Sheriff Olson and Sgt. Kjorstad said they don’t want to take a person’s freedom away, but want to 	<p>Approved by consensus</p> <p>Guest Discussion</p> <p>Information</p>
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<p>Agenda Item 3B - Cont.:</p>	<p>help in any way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky said 4 out of 5 experiences with law enforcement have been positive • It was pointed out that there exists frustration on the part of the person with mental illness because of a lack of resources: crisis houses, number of beds, etc. • Virginia noted we are making progress compared to 10 years ago • Sam asked if we need more Crisis Team members so 911/police don't have to respond 	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3C:</p>	<p>How Can Funding Be Obtained? How Can We as a Council Help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the need for services in the public eye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding, training for community as a whole, stigma ○ Newspaper article and/or social media • Get legislature involved • Sgt. Kjorstad said police want to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Find ways to have better relations with public ○ More resources ○ Increased communication <p>Sam suggested it would be good if there is a way to track whether crisis or law enforcement should respond</p> <p>Notation: Sgt. Kjorstad informed Lisa post-meeting that the Chaska Police Department just received a grant to train each officer with the one-day CIT training, and to train two officers with the week-long CIT course, in 2017.</p>	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4:</p>	<p>Leadership: If anyone wishes to serve as Vice Chair, or nominate, let Lisa know. Vice Chair would be a support person for Chair and also fill-in when Chair is absent. Lisa made the motion to vote on LAC leadership in March; Noah seconded.</p>	<p>Approved by consensus</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5:</p>	<p>Lisa handed out an article to be published in the Carver County newspapers to recruit new members. Motion to accept the article by Eddie and seconded by Caroline.</p>	<p>Approved by consensus</p>

