



In partnership with the BART Office of the Independent Police Auditor and the Berkeley Police Review Commission, NACOLE is excited to announce that it will be holding one of its 2019 Regional Training and Networking events in the Bay Area.

May 3, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Kaiser Center
Oakland, California

This event is geared toward a variety of audiences and will seek to address many issues important to those who support, are interested in, or work in the field of civilian oversight of law enforcement. Topics include implementing oversight in county jails, California's new transparency laws, and establishing effective practices in civilian oversight of law enforcement.

For more
information and to
register, visit

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This event is open to all those wishing to attend. The registration fee for this event is \$75 and includes training, continental breakfast, and lunch. **Please note that no one will be turned away from this event for lack of funds.**

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Plan to stay after for our post-event **networking reception** at Oakland's Lake Chalet on the waterfront. From **5:00pm - 10:00 pm** attendees will have the opportunity to continue the discussions of the day and enjoy entertainment provided by local favorite DJ Davey D (Hard Knock Radio/Co-founder of the Bay Area Hip Hop Coalition) and live music with performances by a number of Bay Area standouts including Troy Lampkins (Bass), Sanford Barnett (Guitar), Alcide Marshall (Drums), Mic Blake (Vocals), Cat Brooks (Spoken Word), Sistah Imina (Spoken Word), and Chris Burger's Alphabet Soup & Luv Phenomena.

DRAFT ONLY: PRC EVALUATION PLAN

BERKELEY POLICE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS

Objective: Evaluate the degree to which Berkeley Police participation in Berkeley's overall response to mental health emergencies is effectively delivering services, and humanely responding to people in crisis.

Plan of Inquiry

Step 1: (PRC April 10, 2019) Request for information

Request information from BPD:

1. Has an examination of emergency mental health calls been done? How are we currently evaluating the effectiveness of our city's efforts?
2. How many calls does BPD respond to? How many are related to individuals with mental health issues?
3. How are these calls recorded and what statistical information is available? (Are calls recorded in a way that lets us know if the person posed a threat of some kind?)
4. How often is force used to subdue or restrain a person identified with a mental health disability or situation? How often are restraint devices used?
5. To what degree are officers able to distinguish between mental health, developmental or other disability and drug impacts?
6. How many of the individuals that BPD responds to are repeatedly in need of a response?
7. What percentage of calls for service involving individuals that may have mental health issues/ disabilities are potentially life threatening?
8. Are people with disabilities identified differently from people who are drunk or high? Are developmental disabilities accounted for in police training?
9. How are calls dispatched? Do dispatchers evaluate a situation? How do they advise the caller?
10. What is the current cost to the police department of responding to EMHR calls?
11. What options does an officer have at the scene? Can they refer to any services instead of Emergency Psyche or jail?
12. What is the role of Mobile Crisis team at the scene? Role of the officer?
13. What written policies or training bulletins exist to assist officers?
14. What happens to someone who is 5150'd? Are they checked for warrants?
15. How does HIPAA impact delivery of services?

Step 2: (Begin on April 24, 2019) Presentations from Individuals and Organizations (What is the current system? What do you recommend?)

* Should this be a special joint hearing? Mental Health/Homelessness/PRC/Peace and Justice. We could hear from the following people/organizations:

1. Chief of Police: Overview of involvement in EMHR (Emergency Mental Health response)
2. Department of Mental Health involvement in EMHR (including the following)
 - a. What care is available to non-housed and low-income individuals?
 - b. To what degree are street conditions contributing to the decline in mental health for unhoused people?
 - c. Can individuals access services without going through police dispatch?
 - d. What percentage of calls for service involving individuals that may have mental health issues/ disabilities are potentially life threatening?
3. Individuals who have been 5150'd
4. Individual officers
5. Suzette Meno: Senior Public Safety Dispatcher (Alameda police)
6. Where are people getting services? Can someone from John George or Gladman respond?
7. Additional presenters?

Step 3: Alternative Models of Service Delivery: Presentations

Presenters are being identified currently. Please assist!

1. How should the mental health care system be revised?
2. Can/should mental health response be decoupled from police services?
3. Is independent, specialized dispatch and assessment preferable to having regular dispatchers?
4. Is street level delivery of services possible instead of a mere psyche eval and transportation of patients via criminal justice system, etc.)
5. How are dispatchers trained to evaluate calls? What options do they have?

Step 4: Task Force and Action Plan

Decide how and whether to proceed. Allow a joint sub-committee to be formed to synthesize the information and produce recommendations based on this inquiry. Other possible options include having each commission create their own recommendations.

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