Board of Supervisors Safety and Security Committee

August 1, 2023

Government Center Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors (Board) Members present:

Jeff McKay, Chairman – In Person
James Walkinshaw, Braddock District – In Person
John Foust, Dranesville District – In Person
Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District – In Person
Rodney Lusk, Franconia District (Committee Chair)
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman) – In Person
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District – In Person
Dalia Palchik, Providence District – In Person
Pat Herrity, Springfield District – In Person
Kathy Smith, Sully District – In Person

The Safety and Security Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Behavioral Health Crisis Response in Fairfax County: 11:32

Lisa Potter, Diversion Initiatives Director of CSB presented proposed changes to transform crisis services and provide intervention and needed support. This would be to help people access services they need and avoid any further interaction with the criminal justice system and/or unnecessary hospitalization. They're currently in the process of developing the post follow-up, post co-responder response. Behavioral health crisis response became state law recently and known as the Marcus-David Peters Act or more commonly known as "Marcus Alert" and was implemented locally on June 28, 2023.

Redic Morris, Strategic Planner Manager of DPSC provided information on the implementation and launch of the Emergency Health Profile. This allows for individuals to register online for themselves or a household member that may have a behavioral health or health issue. This allows for communicators to put additional notes into the call itself if needed. Behavioral Health Liaisons (BHLs) start on August 8th after three (3) consecutive weeks of training.

Lt. Joanna Culkin, Crisis Intervention Team Commander, FCPD informed the committee that the co-responder teams consist of a CIT trained police officer and a CSB Crisis Intervention Specialist. As of June 30th, they had close to 1,300 responses; 50% of those calls in the field resulted in no action needed, 30% resulted in diversion from potential arrest and/or hospitalization, 26% referred to higher level of care and 17% resulted in Emergency Custody Order and/or Temporary Detention Order.

Laura Maddock, Director of Emergency and Crisis Services of CSB updated that committee that they currently have three (3) teams operating. Two (2) of which operate seven (7) days a week, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and the third (3rd) team is three (3) days a week, 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The third (3rd) team will expand to seven (7) days a week on August 15th. Additionally, a fourth (4th) team will launch this Fall (September/October) timeframe starting out at three (3) days a week.

Next steps are to implement the Telehealth pilot and Peer Recovery Support/follow up teams starting this Fall (September/October). Telehealth will issue iPads at two (2) PD stations, (Reston and McLean) to bridge the gap of getting the expansion underway. The follow up teams will reach out to past co-responder cases to ensure they are receiving all the services they may need.

Discussion ensured with input from all supervisors to review the logistics of the program(s) regarding the funding and program growth. The matrix working group recommendation is to fully implement the co-responder model.

2022 Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP) Annual Report: 12:12

Dirck Hargraves is the immediate past chairman of the PCRP reviewed the purpose, structure and means of the Panel. In 2022, he reports that 24 complaints were brought before the Panel. Seven (7) of which were reviewed, and one (1) the panel made recommendations from the subcommittee to the full committee for further review.

Key takeaways are that the Panel updated the latest version of the annual report matrix with FCPD responses to Panel recommendations. The Panel is requesting monitoring authority in use of force matters. The next steps include a formalized training curriculum proposal for current and future Panel members in addition to the trainings be recorded for future Panel members.

Additional Information:

Panel members are working closely with local jurisdictions within Virginia to develop a similar regional/state training curriculum. Board has acknowledged the request for monitoring authority and has requested an outline of what that authority would entail.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2023.