

House C.A.R.E.S. Task Force
September 11, 2017

Location: Team Wellness Center, 6309 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI

The Task Force held its fifth meeting on September 11 at the Team Wellness Center in Detroit.

The Task Force heard from a variety of people at the meeting including persons involved in providing services through the local community mental health organization, and a peer mentor involved after receiving assistance through her local community mental health authority.

Information shared with the Task Force included the positive outcomes of programs aimed at directing assistance to crime victims, and the positive affect it had on preventing crime victims from becoming perpetrators in the future. Local law enforcement spoke about the need for long-term solutions for people suffering from mental illnesses, and the amount of time spent responding to calls about people experiencing mental health episodes, which prevents them from otherwise protecting against criminal activity.

Presenters also talked about the need and benefits of providing patient-centered pharmacy services, the lack of psychiatrists, inconsistent care across the state, and lack of care for those suffering from mild to moderate mental illnesses.

Presenters for the Detroit meeting included all of the following:

- Ed Saleh and Ed Abueida, MedCart Specialty Pharmacy
- Dana Lasenby, Iterim CEO, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Julia Kyle, Director of Integrated Healthcare at Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, and Tim Killeen, Wayne County Commissioner
- Emma Sunshine Avery, Community Living Services
- Aswad Thomas, Alliance for Safety and Justice
- Dr. Toluope Sonuyi, M.D., M.S.C. - DMC Sanai Grace Emergency Medicine Physician, DLIVE-Detroit Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program
- Ray Winans, DLIVE- Detroit Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program/Formerly Incarcerated,
- Andrea Clark, Mothers of Murdered Children
- Todd Bennison, Detroit Deputy Chief of Police
- Daniel Cherrin, Wayne County Community Mental Health Collaborative
- Michael Garrett, President and CEO of Community Network Services (CNS)

Written comments were collected from those in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting will be 11 a.m. Friday, September 29 at the Mid-Michigan Community College in Harrison, Michigan.