

WHAT COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS INSTEAD OF POLICE?

Right now the city does co-responder with police. They are planning a triage center and will figure out how to marry it to 911 for a pilot, for 1 shift. They don't have it but it was in the works.

They have a pre-booking diversion for adults and kids that they are growing, obviously quite slowly.

Other models below:

- 1) **BEHAVIORAL CRISIS CARE:** This would represent an enhancement of the City's current crisis response resources where mobile crisis teams would take the lead on mental health crisis calls without law enforcement involvement.
 - a) This could be an entity that can be dispatched by the Triage desk coordinator.
 - b) Crisis Response: <https://crisisnow.com/>
- 2) This model functions as a community-based service hub where police can refer people, but their primary role is providing services to the community.
 - a) We envision a scenario where neighborhood residents may walk in or call the 24/7 hotline to request the staff from the center respond to their issue as an alternative to calling 911.
 - b) This is especially important in these times for us to provide neighborhood-based alternatives to calling 911 that can attempt to address the concerns of residents without relying exclusively on the police.
 - c) Community Triage Center in West Side of Chicago:
<http://habilitative.org/index.php/westside-community-triage-and-wellness-center>
- 3) **MORE DIVERSION/DEFLECTION:** This is a general overview and advocacy on the importance of deflection practices. Philly envisions an expansion of diversion/deflection opportunities to minimize the amount of time spent in police custody and accelerate the connection to targeted social services as we plan towards a future where police interventions are minimized towards people who use drugs, practice sex work, and steal small amounts of merchandise to cope with their unmet health needs.
 - a) Article from Jac Charlier on the importance of deflection:
https://www.policechiefmagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/Policyreform_September2015.pdf

4) **CO-RESPONDER MODEL:** This model relies on a community-based response as an alternative to a law enforcement response. Essentially, it is the Co-responder model without the police. Behavioral health professionals are dispatched to a scene in response to a 911 call and work on health-centered resolutions without the threat of potential law enforcement intervention.

a) Philly envisions this being a component of the triage desk model where the detective and triage desk coordinator (clinician) would agree on a set of circumstances that are appropriate for a Co-response of law enforcement and behavioral health professionals and which calls can rely on an exclusive behavioral health response.

b) Cahoots model:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mental-health-team-responds-to-emergencies-oregon-alternative-to-police-2019-10-23/>

c) <https://www.registerguard.com/news/20191020/in-cahoots-how-unlikely-pairing-of-cops-and-hippies-became-national-model>

d) Currently, Philly has 1 Co-responder team through [Merakey](#) in East Police Division that can assist with mental health crisis calls and other quality of life-related calls for service that would benefit from a behavioral health intervention.

e) Philly does not have a reliable mechanism for tying them in to police dispatch/radio and Philly needs to formalize a set of circumstances where they have to be utilized in order to be more effective.

f) Philly is looking to add 1-2 teams through the Triage Desk that can be dispatched across the City as a pilot in 1 defined 8 hour window 7 days/week.

g) Co-responder teams assist with de-escalation and service connections in real time in lieu of being arrested or left in the same situation that led to a /911 call in the first place.

h) Co-responder program in Denver:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X6sGTS18Zv4bjEKlcjWA_8DAwFTN_H3v/view

i) Co-responder model in general:

<https://www.prainc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/RespondingtoBHCrisisviaCRModels.pdf>

MORE LINKS AND RESOURCES FROM ABOVE

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Living Room:

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2017/12/19/louisville-living-room-program-mentally-ill-drug-users/793010001/>

<https://www.wave3.com/2018/12/10/living-room-program-celebrates-one-year-anniversary/>

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