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North Sound BH-ASO Memorandum 2021-06

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TO: North Sound BH-ASO DCR Provider Agencies, MCT Agencies, Crisis Outreach Agencies

FROM: Margaret Rojas, Assistant Director, North Sound BH-ASO

RE: HCA Correspondence: **Law enforcement response to DCR/MCT requests- HB 1310**

The Health Care Authority (HCA) understands Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs), Mobile Crisis Teams and other crisis staff are facing challenges related to the changes in practice by law enforcement agencies as they implement E2SHB 1310 (2021). Historically, DCRs, MCT and other crisis staff have relied on law enforcement to assist not only in taking someone into custody, but to secure the safety of the scene during evaluation.

In this changing environment, it is important for HCA to collect more data to determine how often the challenges arise, the nature of the law enforcement response to the DCR/MCT/crisis staff request, where the incidents occur, and the law enforcement agencies involved.

Thank you for the information you have reported so far. HCA has developed the following survey tool to collect this data from the DCR agencies. Please distribute this requirement to your DCR provider agencies, MCT agencies and crisis outreach agencies as soon as possible and ask they begin to complete this immediately. We ask that they report weekly (report each incident within 7 days of the incident). We anticipate collecting this data to the end of the calendar year with an option to extend or leave open as we begin to see what the data tells us.

Link to the survey tool:

https://hca.servicenowservices.com/assessment_take2.do?sysparm_assessable_type=d4a08aae1bf23810a30c859ce54bcb8e

Should you have any questions or additional concerns, please contact Michael McAuley, Clinical Manager via email at michael_mcauley@nsbhaso.org.

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