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Bridge program

The Bridge is a community policing based model in which a police department representative consults on a weekly basis with Montgomery Co. Mobile Crisis to address situations involving individuals with mental health needs. This program differs from the HUB, in that cases involving mental health are fast-tracked for quicker response. By working together we are better able to provide needed services in a timely and efficient manner to residents of our community.

Any officer may refer a case for inclusion in the Bridge program. Criteria are:

- a. Mobile Crisis already responded to the scene.

OR

- b. The officer contacted an individual who might benefit from Mobile Crisis' services, but Mobile Crisis was not yet called to the scene. This includes instances when services were offered but refused.

Referrals are made by sending the case information to the CRU supervisors via email.

Every case referred to the Bridge must have an Investigative report completed prior to referral, which includes any known hazards expected when contacting the subject. Mobile Crisis conducts their own threat and safety analysis before contacting individuals, and the hazard information in our reports is of vital importance to their operations.

The departmental representative will discuss referred cases with Mobile Crisis on a weekly basis and receive feedback on the handling of those cases.