

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

The Behavioral Health Officers (BHOs) are actively involved in numerous committees and organizations, working to address the gaps in services in the county and provide those organizations with information and front-line perspectives about mental health and the criminal justice system.

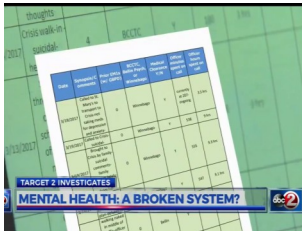
## Lobbying

Annually, BHOs and CCIT officers lobbied at the Wisconsin State Capitol for Mental Health reform.



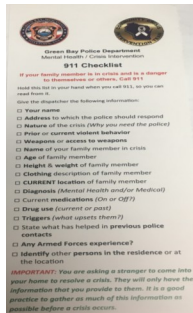
## News Announcements

The BHOs often speak in the news about progress and challenges in the community regarding mental health.



## 911 Checklist

The BHOs created a checklist for individuals to keep in their homes to prepare themselves for what may happen if they call the police for a crisis.



## Emergency Detention and Medical Clearance Committees

The BHOs are a part of county-wide committees that focus on improving mental health services and treatment in the community. The committees have approved the Crisis Center to complete mental health assessments in the hospitals and have standardized medical clearance procedures for in-patient hospitalization.

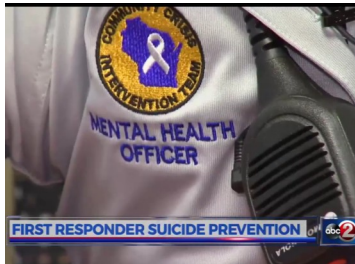
## Vulnerable Adults



The BHOs work collaboratively with Adult Protective

Services (APS) and established a MOU between APS and the police department. APS and the BHOs often co-respond to homes. The BHOs are Dementia trained.

## Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention



The BHOs are a part of the Coalition for Suicide Prevention.

The BHOs are also a part of a sub-committee focusing on reducing suicide rates among veterans and police officers.

The BHOs facilitated a Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Training for officers in Brown County and developed a PSA for Law Enforcement suicides.



The BHOs developed a magnet for squad cars to bring awareness to suicide prevention.



## National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)



The BHOs and other Green Bay Police Officers participate in the annual NAMI Walk.

The BHOs are on the Board of Directors for Brown County NAMI. The BHOs participate in monthly educational meetings as needed and often refer individuals to NAMI services.



## Homelessness and AODA Related Services

The BHOs are a part of the Basic Needs Committee which addresses issues surrounding homelessness, housing, mental health, and substance use. The BHOs work frequently with Homeless Shelter case managers. Annually, BHOs have distributed Blessing Bags to individuals at a local homeless shelter.



## Gift Cards and Bags

The BHOs continue to distribute necessities, bags for veterans, and gift cards to individuals in times of crisis.



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT INITIATIVES

- Leading Training - CIT and CIP
- Reducing Emergency Detentions
- Reducing custody time
- Increasing voluntary treatment options in the community
- Jail Diversion
- Safer police responses to situations involving individuals in crisis
  - The BHOs are able to place premise information on addresses and document crisis triggers and de-escalation tips for individuals so officers can have this information prior to making contact with individuals
- Education and Advocacy
- Improving relations between the police and the community
- Reducing stigma
- Reducing police calls
  - The BHOs are able to monitor police calls on specific individuals and work on prevention and intervening before individuals are placed in jail or on Emergency Detentions

## BROWN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT

- The BHOs are a part of the Brown County Mental Health Court Team. The team consists of a Judge, Case Manager, Assistant District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Officer, AODA counselor, Brown County Health and Human Services Supervisor, and the two BHOs.
- The Mental Health Court is designed to provide wrap around services, skills development and a treatment plan for individuals with mental illness who have been arrested.



- The BHOs often review police reports of individuals arrested and make referrals to the Mental Health Court. The BHOs also accompany the Probation Officer on home visits.
- The BHOs have been able to obtain bicycles and donate them to the Mental Health Court to be used by participants who have transportation issues.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OFFICER UNIT GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Green Bay Police Department has a Community Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT), two full-time Behavioral Health Officers (BHOs), & thanks to collaboration with Brown County a full-time Social Worker. The Clinician & BHOs respond to police calls related to mental health, persons in crisis, and/or persons in need of community services. The Team works on jail diversion and de-criminalization of individuals with mental illness. They work in partnership with community organizations to improve police responses to crisis situations and work as a bridge to connect people with treatment services in the community.

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