

1:1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the procedures and responsibilities of the Hope One Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI). This initiative is intended to give residents of Morris County a safe way to seek help for substance use disorders without fear of arrest as well as to provide resources for recovery.

1:2 DEFINITIONS

- 1) Substance use disorder (SUD): Also known as, drug addiction is a condition in which the use of one or more substances leads to a clinically significant impairment or distress.
- 2) Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS): a certified individual from DAYTOP NJ will navigate the PAARI participant to treatment or services.

1:3 POLICY

Any person who enters the _____ Police Department and requests help with their substance use disorder will have a trained screening officer assigned to them for PAARI. The individual requesting assistance must surrender any illegal substances or paraphernalia and they will not be criminally charged. Personnel having contact with anyone entering _____ Police Department and requesting help with their substance use disorder will be professional, compassionate and understanding at all times.

1:3 PROCEDURES

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- 1) Any person who enters the Police Department during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays, or makes contact with an officer and requests help with their substance use disorder will be immediately screened for PAARI at the police station. The officer will create an RMS entry for PAARI contact.
- 2) If the initial contact is made on the street, officers will use the discretion that is exercised on a daily basis. However, this program specifically and exclusively applies to persons who ask for help and shall not be used in lieu of charges or arrest.
- 3) There shall be no questioning of the person requesting help in an attempt to collect drug intelligence, determine the origins of any drugs relinquished by the person, or any other effort which may undermine the intended purpose of this program which is primarily to encourage persons to seek police assistance in getting help for their addiction without fear of arrest or police action. However, nothing shall preclude the program participant from voluntarily providing information to law enforcement.

- 4) The officer assigned to screen the potential participant will complete the standardized screening form (attachment A) to ensure the individual is eligible for PAARI.
 - A. Complete a wanted person check, promis gavel check and NJCCH;
 - B. Determine eligibility. If eligible, then proceed to the next step. If not, offer brochures and information for CARES recovery support;
 - C. Ensure the program participant has no weapons or contraband, separate them from anyone accompanying them and move to the secure area of the police department to continue the screening process;
 - D. Once in secure area/interview room: complete the PAARI Intake Form (attachment B) and Participant Agreement Form (attachment C).
- 5) Any drugs or paraphernalia voluntarily surrendered shall be submitted into evidence for proper disposal.
- 6) Upon determining eligibility, DAYTOP NJ [REDACTED] will be called to notify and assign a CPRS. During the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays, the participant will meet with the CPRS at the Police Station. An estimated time of arrival will be inquired of the DAYTOP CPRS and the participant should be advised how long the CPRS response will take to meet with and assist the participant.
- 7) If an individual presents themselves at a Police Station outside of PAARI operating hours, the officer will contact DAYTOP NJ [REDACTED] for further instructions.
- 8) Only the Intake form (attachment B) and Participant Agreement Form (attachment C) shall be turned over to the DAYTOP CPRS. Copies of same along with the original Participant Screening Form (attachment A) shall be forwarded to the Detective Bureau for review and confidential retention in the Detective Bureau. The RMS entry shall indicate the participant's name, the determination of eligibility and referral to a CPRS.
- 9) The screening officer will introduce the DAYTOP CPRS and transition the participant to the care of the CPRS. The safety of the CPRS and the well-being of the participant is the responsibility of the screening officer.
 - A) If the DAYTOP CPRS advises that there is an available program, the screening officer will assist with arranging transportation, if necessary.
 - B) If the DAYTOP CPRS advises that the participant is unable to be placed after exhausting all possible methods, they will provide the participant with an appropriate plan of action.
- 10) As participation is voluntary, if the individual subsequently elects not to request assistance or continue with PAARI he or she will be permitted to do so. The individual will not be charged with a crime or offence for possessing the items they initially relinquished.

- 10) Persons in the following categories are NOT Eligible to participate in PAARI:
 - A. The individual is required to register as a sex offender;
 - B. The individual has an outstanding arrest warrant or a pending criminal charge unless contact is made with the issuing authority, so arrangements can be made in support of a treatment path (This contact must be documented in a narrative report);
 - C. The individual is under 18 years of age and does not have parental consent;
 - D. The individual is determined to be a danger by the chief law enforcement officer or designee; or
 - E. If the individual is determined to be in need of medical assistance, the officer shall immediately seek emergency medical assistance for the individual.

- 12) The screening officer shall screen a perspective client to determine if they are on probation or parole. If the individual is on probation or parole, any placement in a program shall be coordinated with the client's probation or parole officer.

- 13) Any person who presents at a non-participating law enforcement agency within Morris County and requests help from PAARI will be referred to a participating department for screening/intake between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays.

- 14) Interested persons, as well as any of their concerned friends or family members, may also be connected a CPRS by calling CARES- Center for Addiction, Recovery, Education and Success [REDACTED] which should be provided to them at any time.

Forms used by police:

Attachment A: Participant Screening Form

Attachment B: Participant Intake Form

Attachment C: Participant Agreement Form