

(C) "CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM" MEANS THE MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

10-1402.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM IN THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL:

(1) OPERATE A STATEWIDE NETWORK UTILIZING EXISTING RESOURCES AND COORDINATING INTERJURISDICTIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO SERVE ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE, 24 HOURS A DAY AND 7 DAYS A WEEK;

(2) PROVIDE SKILLED CLINICAL INTERVENTION TO HELP PREVENT SUICIDES, HOMICIDES, UNNECESSARY HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND ARRESTS OR DETENTION, AND TO REDUCE DANGEROUS OR THREATENING SITUATIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND

(3) RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO COMMUNITY CRISIS SITUATIONS.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH CONSUMERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

10-1403.

(A) THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A CRISIS COMMUNICATION CENTER IN EACH JURISDICTION OR REGION TO PROVIDE:

(I) A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY TO THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM;

(II) COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL CORE SERVICE AGENCY, POLICE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS; AND

(III) SERVICES THAT MAY INCLUDE:

1. A HOTLINE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND CRISIS INTERVENTION;

2. A TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND ASSISTANCE;

3. TRIAGE FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL;

4. REFERRAL TO TREATMENT, FAMILY AND PEER SUPPORT GROUPS, AND OTHER SERVICES AS NEEDED;

5. FOLLOW-UP FOR UP TO 1 MONTH;