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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the reporting and publication of mental health emergency response data

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 9 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-195 to read as follows:

§ 3-195 Mental health emergency response reporting. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

B-HEARD. The term "B-HEARD" means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office, or any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions.

Involuntary removal. The term "involuntary removal" means any removal of an individual pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 9.41 of the mental hygiene law or subdivision (a) of section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law.

Use of force incident. The term "use of force incident" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 14-158.

b. Report. 1. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section and quarterly thereafter, the director of the office, in coordination with the police commissioner, commissioner of information technology and telecommunications, fire commissioner, commissioner of health and mental hygiene, and any other relevant agency head and in consultation with the New York city health and hospitals corporation, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post to the office's website a report

regarding each 911 call that is identified as involving a mental health emergency from the previous quarter. Such report shall include a table in which each separate row references a 911 call. Each row shall include, at a minimum, the following information set forth in separate columns:

(a) The time and date of the call;

(b) The location of the call, given as latitude and longitude;

(c) The patrol precinct in which the call was made;

(d) The emergency medical services zone, designated by the fire department, in which the call was made;

(e) Any unique identifier for the call generated by the police department's computer-aided dispatch system;

(f) Any unique identifier for the call generated by the fire department's computer-aided dispatch system;

(g) Whether a B-HEARD team was dispatched in response to the call;

(h) If a B-HEARD team was dispatched in response to the call, whether the team was able to respond to the call;

(i) If a B-HEARD team was not dispatched in response to the call, the reason it was not dispatched;

(j) Whether any other responder, including but not limited to the police department, the fire department, and any mobile crisis team operated by the department of health and mental hygiene, was dispatched in response to the call, and if so, which ones;

(k) If multiple responders were dispatched in response to the call, which responder was first dispatched;

(l) If multiple responders were dispatched in response to the call, which responder first arrived on the scene;

(m) Whether the responder that first arrived on the scene requested assistance, and if so, the responder from which assistance was requested;

(n) The amount of time between the initial receipt of the 911 call and the first dispatch of responders;



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(o) The amount of time between the first dispatch of responders and first arrival of responders on the scene;

(p) Any services the individual experiencing the mental health emergency accepted from, or to which the individual was referred by, responders, including but not limited to medical treatment on the scene, voluntary transport to a hospital, health counseling on the scene, crisis counseling on the scene, or follow-up services offered by the department of health and mental hygiene or department of homeless services, by community-based healthcare or social service providers, or through a hospital-based program; and

(q) Whether the individual experiencing the mental health emergency was left at the scene, was subjected to involuntary removal, experienced a use of force incident, was issued a summons, or was arrested.

2. The report required under paragraph 1 of this subdivision shall include a data dictionary.

§ 2. Section 14-150 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivision g to read as follows:

g. Publication of 911 call data on the open data portal. 1. Definitions. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "B-HEARD" means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office of community mental health.

2. Dispatch system identifier columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the department's computer-aided dispatch system and a separate column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the fire department's computer-aided dispatch system. The department shall coordinate with the fire department to obtain any unique identifier for such call generated by the fire department's computer-aided dispatch system.

3. B-HEARD team response columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating whether a B-HEARD team, or a team from any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions, was dispatched in response to such call

and a separate column indicating whether any such team was able to respond to such call. The department shall coordinate with any relevant agency to obtain such information.

4. Previously published data. The department shall also include the information specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subdivision with respect to 911 calls for which data is already published on the open data portal, to the extent such information is available to the department.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-150 to read as follows:

§ 15-150 Publication of 911 call data on the open data portal. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "B-HEARD" means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office of community mental health.

b. Dispatch system identifier columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the department's computer-aided dispatch system and a separate column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the police department's computer-aided dispatch system. The department shall coordinate with the police department to obtain any unique identifier for such call generated by the police department's computer-aided dispatch system.

c. B-HEARD team response columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating whether a B-HEARD team, or a team from any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions, was dispatched in response to the call and a separate column indicating whether any such team was able to respond to such call. The department shall coordinate with any relevant agency to obtain such information.

d. Previously published data. The department shall also include the information specified in subdivisions b and c of this section with respect to 911 calls for which data is already published on the open data portal, to the extent such information is available to the department.


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§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately.
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