

**Building Capacity: Mental Health and Police Project  
Final Project Report 2005**

**Richmond**

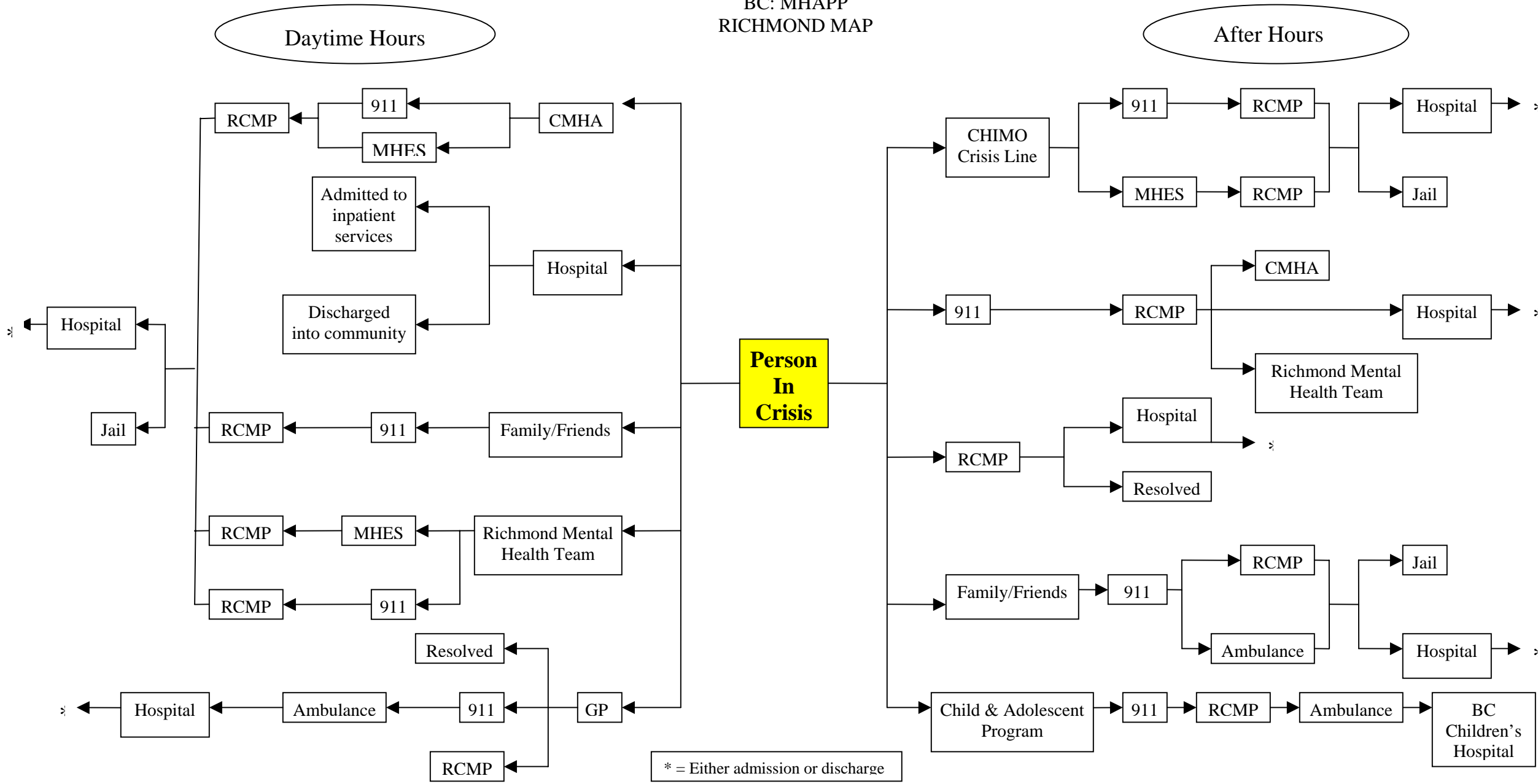


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Possibly missing from list: Van MHES, BCSS, School District, MCFD, RAS, Touchstone

# BC: MHAPP Richmond Issues and Actions October 2005

## 1. Issue:

Need for Psychiatric nurse and plain-clothed RCMP officer to attend mental health crises together.

### Action:

Committee agreed that an investigation into a CAR 87 pilot project in Richmond would be the first step to possibly attaining permanently in time. (*the future.*) Member from Mental Health Emergency Services has agreed to collect statistics of outreach calls accompanied by RCMP. Budgetary information will be compiled regarding the funding required for CAR 87 implementation and program or pilot program. She will be contacting Vancouver MHES for policy and protocol information on their CAR 87 program to see if the mandate can be applied to our community. Confirmation of support for the project needs to be acquired from the manager of mental health services and the Superintendent of RCMP.

## 2. Issue:

Need for ongoing mental health education and training for RCMP and community agencies.

### Action:

Get clarifications from RCMP regarding their training needs on mental health and mental illnesses. Consider a pilot project integrated with other emergency responders (ECOMM, BCAS, BCSS) (*Explore existing educational opportunities and consider creating*) curriculum based program that meets the needs of RCMP new recruits and recognizes high turnover of officers due to Richmond being a training base. RHS and BCSS have committed to providing mental health training. Investigate what other RCMP detachments in the lower mainland are utilizing as training or planning to utilize. (Surrey/Burnaby) Look into accessing funding for a grass roots approach to integrated education which would include the public.

### 2. a. Issue:

There is a need for education regarding the RCMP's role in a mental health crisis for multi-cultural community.

**Action:**

RCMP committee member will work with representatives from community agencies in organizing community forums in order that the various cultural views regarding police roles will be clarified. BCSS has committed to investigating working in partnership with Immigrant Services Society (ISS) to teach new immigrants about Canadian culture. Develop appropriate material that provides appropriate information regarding mental health crises and the RCMP's involvement.

**3. Issue:**

Lack of communication (*regarding high risk clients*) between Richmond Health Services, RCMP and community care providers.

**Action:**

RHS administration is investigating High Risk registry to establish if this is an appropriate system for our community. Take steps to include community partners with RHS in the development of a community care plan for clients that require a high level of MHES and/or RCMP crisis support.

**4. Global Issues:**

Includes a great number of issues that were brought to our attention but due to the length of the project and the requirements needed to address those issues, no formal plan was created for same.

Supports to Families with Parental Mental Illness

Co-occurring Disorders

Youth and Young Adult issues

Vancouver International Airport, YVR Crises and community connection

Promotion of Early Identification, Assessment and Intervention Services – and ultimately an increase in education and awareness programs

Taser policy, procedure and practice

Review of environmental and social factors

**Action:**

- One day conference on Supporting Families with Parental Mental Illness being held **January 27, 2006**.