



Cambridge Police Department Family & Social Justice Section

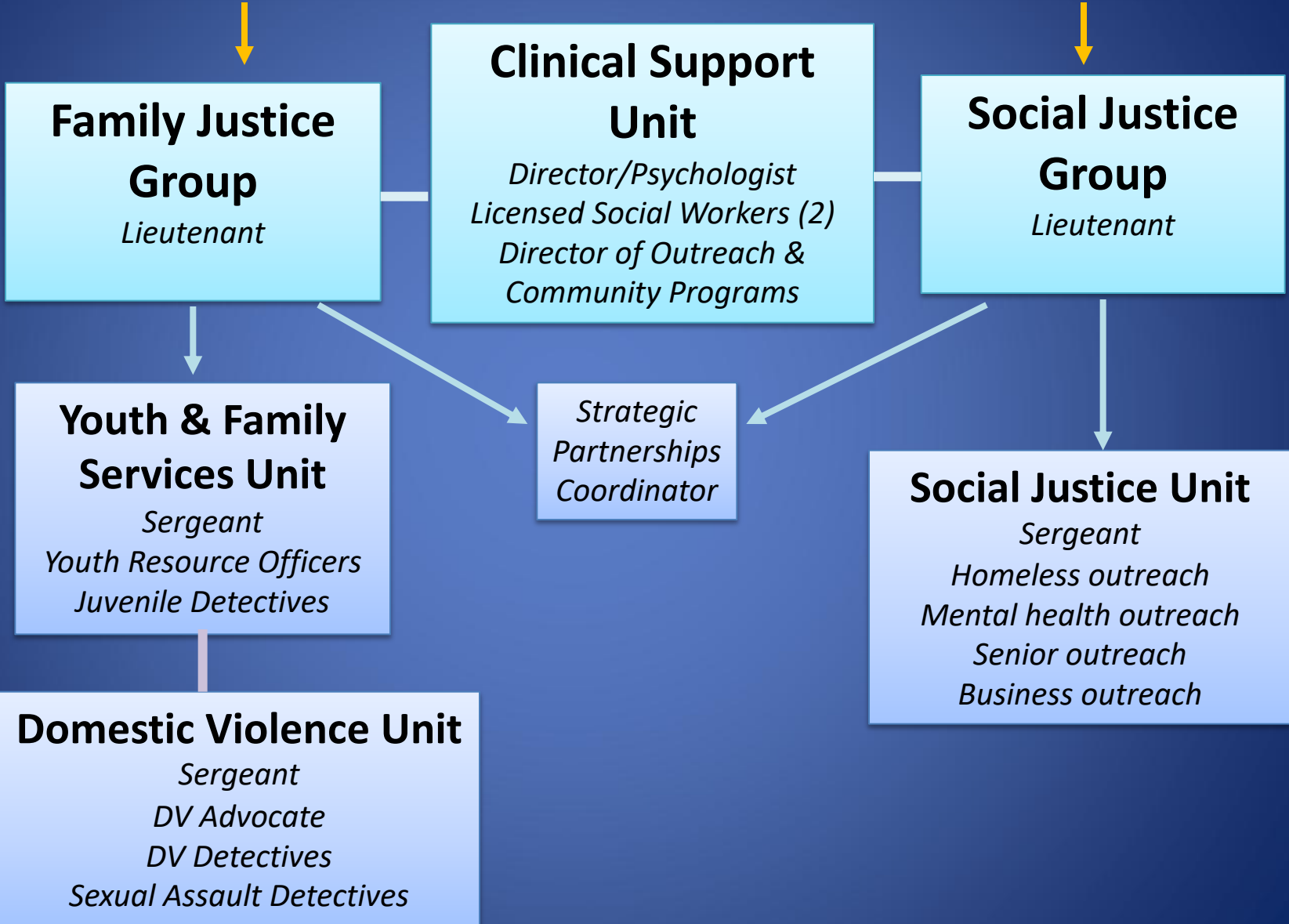


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Case Study

- 23 Year Old Caucasian Male
- Living with father in Vermont
- Known history of mental illness
- Past interactions with local service providers
- No significant history with Cambridge Police



First Contact

- At 11:04AM on October 29, 2014 CPD Homeless Outreach Officer receives email from Director of local youth homeless drop-in center
- Father of client contacted her with concerns regarding son



Information Sharing

- Former client living in VT
- According to father, not taking psychiatric medications
- Showing signs and symptoms of worsening instability
- Making death threats towards two current clients at drop-in center
- Father tracking debit card
- Client is in the Cambridge area



Initial CPD Response

- CRU prepares a brief for roll call to alert patrol units to the situation
- Patrol Units to conduct FIO if client is located



Second Information Sharing

- Director alerts Homeless Outreach Officer to client's presence at drop-in center
- Director shares client known to local crisis team with positive past interactions
- Homeless Outreach and Mental Health Outreach Officers respond to drop-in center.
- Officers contact local crisis team.



Third Information Sharing

- Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services from local hospital contacts CRU.
- Director also alerted by father of clients pending psychiatric crisis.
- Director requests officers bring client to hospital emergency department.



Coordinated Response

- Homeless and Mental Health Outreach Officers respond to drop-in center and meet Director.
- Client left drop-in center and in near by park.
- *Director identified client to officers.*
- Officers engaged with client and he went to hospital without incident at 2:18PM.
- Officers meet Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services at ED with client.



Success & Opportunities

- Inter-agency communication
- Inter-agency coordination
- Relationships
- Advanced officer training
- Post-hospitalization information sharing
- Continues to be unstable, unmediated, and homeless in community.
- What next?