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Chico PCAB Devotes Discussion to Mental Health Needs of Community
-- Police Community Advisory Board Seeks Solutions --

Chico, CA – Chico residents, mental health advocacy professionals and concerned citizens are invited to take part in the upcoming Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Old Municipal Building, 441 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928. The primary topic of discussion will be how to best serve the mental health needs of the community, from both clinical and law enforcement perspectives. The meeting is scheduled from 5:30PM – 7:00PM.

Wednesday's forum will be the second PCAB meeting for 2017. The topic of how best to address the needs of the mental health community was a previously-scheduled agenda item.

"We need creative and community-based solutions to many societal issues, such as mental health, which are affecting our community," said Chico Police Chief Michael O'Brien. "Our agency responds to several calls a day, every day, involving mental health issues. We are increasingly responding to cases involving all varying demographics, including age, race, gender and socio-economic groups. Officers are doing extraordinary work each day but there is always room for improvement. Policing alone cannot adequately and fully solve this issue."

Over the past five years the Chico Police Department has seen a gradual increase in the number of calls for service involving a mentally ill individual. The following is an overview of the calls for service in the time-period from May 1st – April 30th, years 2012 to 2017:

CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR SERVICE
TIME PERIOD: MAY 1 - APRIL 30
YEARS: 2012 - 2017

TYPE	2012_13	2013_14	2014_15	2015_16	2016_17
MENTALLY ILL PERSON	773	741	729	909	1004
FACILITY WALK AWAY	68	88	68	72	88
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	27	12	16	22	27
SUICIDE DEATH	13	8	12	9	18

Upcoming meetings of the PCAB for 2017 will focus on issues such as drug and alcohol-related incidents and youth justice. Community leaders and stakeholders are invited to participate to explore expanded avenues for collaboration. All meetings are open to the public and citizen involvement is encouraged. Upcoming meetings will take place the following dates, times and location

2017 Schedule for PCAB and Community Safety (CS) Meetings

PCAB: Wednesday, May 17th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Old Municipal Building ~ 441 Main Street

CS: Wednesday, June 14th, 10:00am - 11:00am, Chico Children's Museum ~ 325 Main Street

PCAB: Wednesday, July 19th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Old Municipal Building ~ 441 Main Street

CS: Thursday, September 7th, 12pm - 1pm, Azad's Martial Arts Family Center ~ 313 Walnut Street #150

CS: Tuesday, October 10th, 9:00am - 10:00am, Chico Mall Food Court ~ 1950 E. 20th Street

CS: Thursday, November 9th, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Round Table Pizza ~ 2201 Pillsbury Road

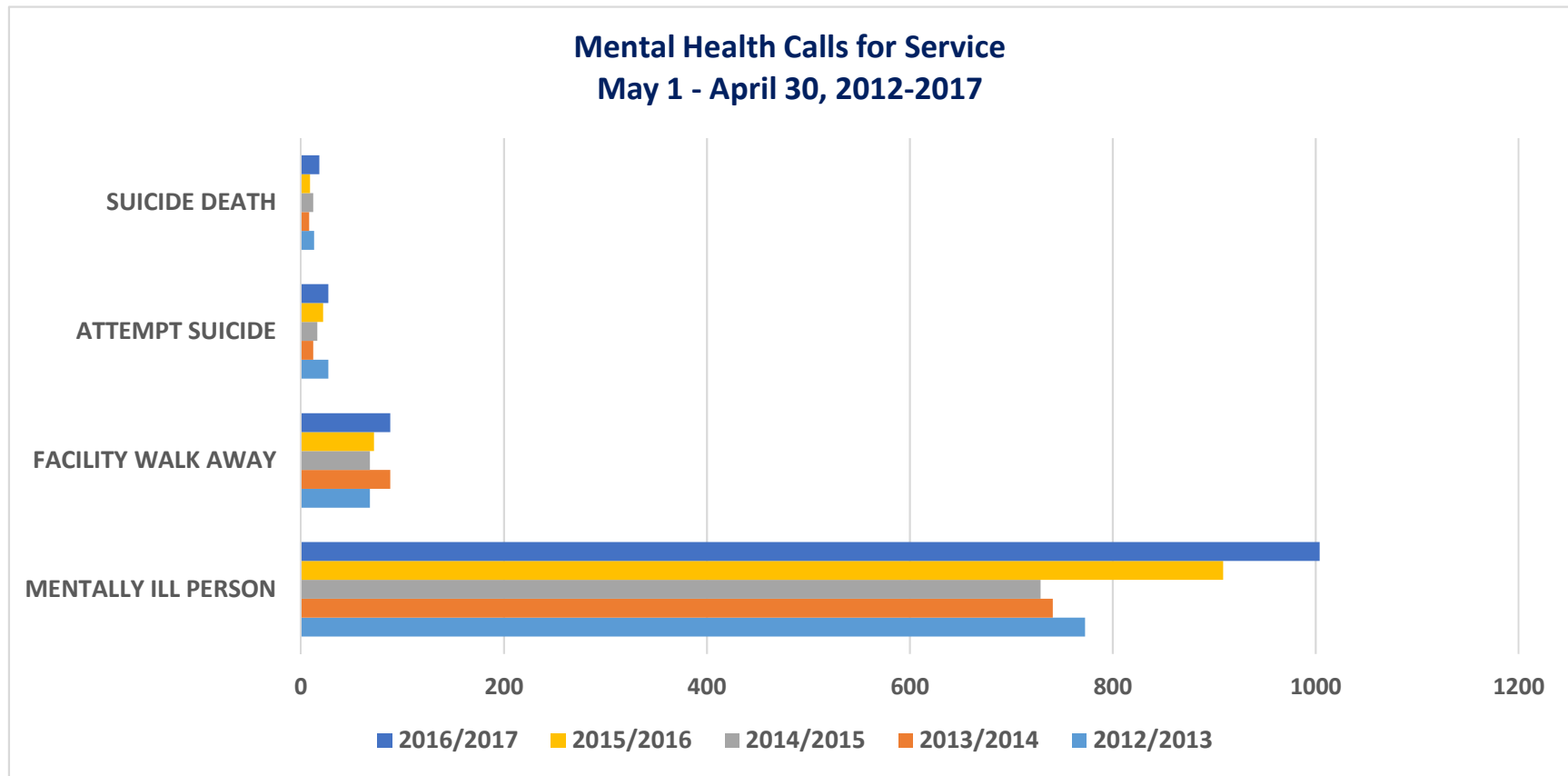
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****Mental Health Calls for Service Statistics Attached**



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2016 Mental Health Calls for Service
January - December, 2016

TYPE	2016
MENTALLY ILL PERSON	986
FACILITY WALK AWAY	60
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	21
SUICIDE DEATH	15
TOTAL	1082

2016 Mental Health Call for Service with Mention of a Weapon (6.56%)

TYPE	2016
SUICIDE DEATH REPORT	5
MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION	66
TOTAL	71