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Neighbors in Need Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, April 01, 2026 02:30 PM
Blue Springs City Hall
903 W. Main Street
Blue Springs, Missouri

Members:

Mayor Chris Lievsay (1/1)
Councilmember Jerry Kaylor (1/1)
Councilmember Katie Tholen (1/1)
Councilmember Jeremy Rowan (1/1)
Lori Byl (1/1)
Alex Duvall (0/1)
Danica Fuimaono (1/1)
Mickey Hill (1/1)
Bobby Hines (1/1)
Bridgette Shaffer (1/1)
Kristy Whitney (0/1)
Tom Worstell (1/1)

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Confirmation of a Quorum
3. Approval of the March, 05 2026 Minutes
4. IRIS Review and Discussion
5. Continuum of Care Review and Discussion
6. Adjournment

This agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website on March 27, 2026 A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance; however, no City Council votes will be taken.

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MINUTES OF NEIGHBORS IN NEED MARCH 5, 2026 MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the Neighbors in Need Task Force was held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the 225 Administration Conference Room at City Hall, 903 W Main Street, Blue Springs, Missouri with Chair Chris Lievsay presiding.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Chris Lievsay
Councilmember Jerry Kaylor
Councilmember Katie Tholen
Councilmember Jeremy Rowan
Lori Byl
Alex Duvall - ABSENT
Danica Fuimaono
Mickey Hill
Bobby Hines
Bridgette Shaffer
Kristy Whitney - ABSENT
Tom Worstell

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Also present were Chief of Police Bob Muenz, Community Services Bureau Officer Jordan Litz, and Assistant to the City Administrator George Schmitz.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Lievsay called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and a quorum was confirmed.

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PRESENTATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Jordan Litz with the Community Services Bureau of the Blue Springs Police Department gave a presentation on the Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) that provided CIT Data for the years 2024 & 2025. A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein for reference.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Danica Fuimaono, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services with the Blue Springs School District spoke on the vulnerable youth populations that attend the Blue Springs School District's schools.

TASK FORCE DIRECTION AND MEETING CADENCE

Members of the Task Force discussed the purpose of the Task Force. Discussion was had regarding direction and next steps. Topics of how to inventory social services and resources as well as how to coordinate were brought up.

It was decided that the next meeting members of the Task Force would present information regarding the University of Kansas's Integrated Referral & Intake System (IRIS) Program as well as Kansas City's Continuum of Care (COC) Program.

Members of the Task Force Decided that week day afternoons would work best for a meeting cadence. The next meeting date would be targeted for the first week of April.

ADJOURN

At 2:50 PM., there was no further business to come before the Task Force, Councilmember Kaylor moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried unanimously.

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March 5, 2026

SIGNATURES:

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Mayor Chris Lievsay, Chair

ATTEST

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George Schmitz, Task Force Secretary

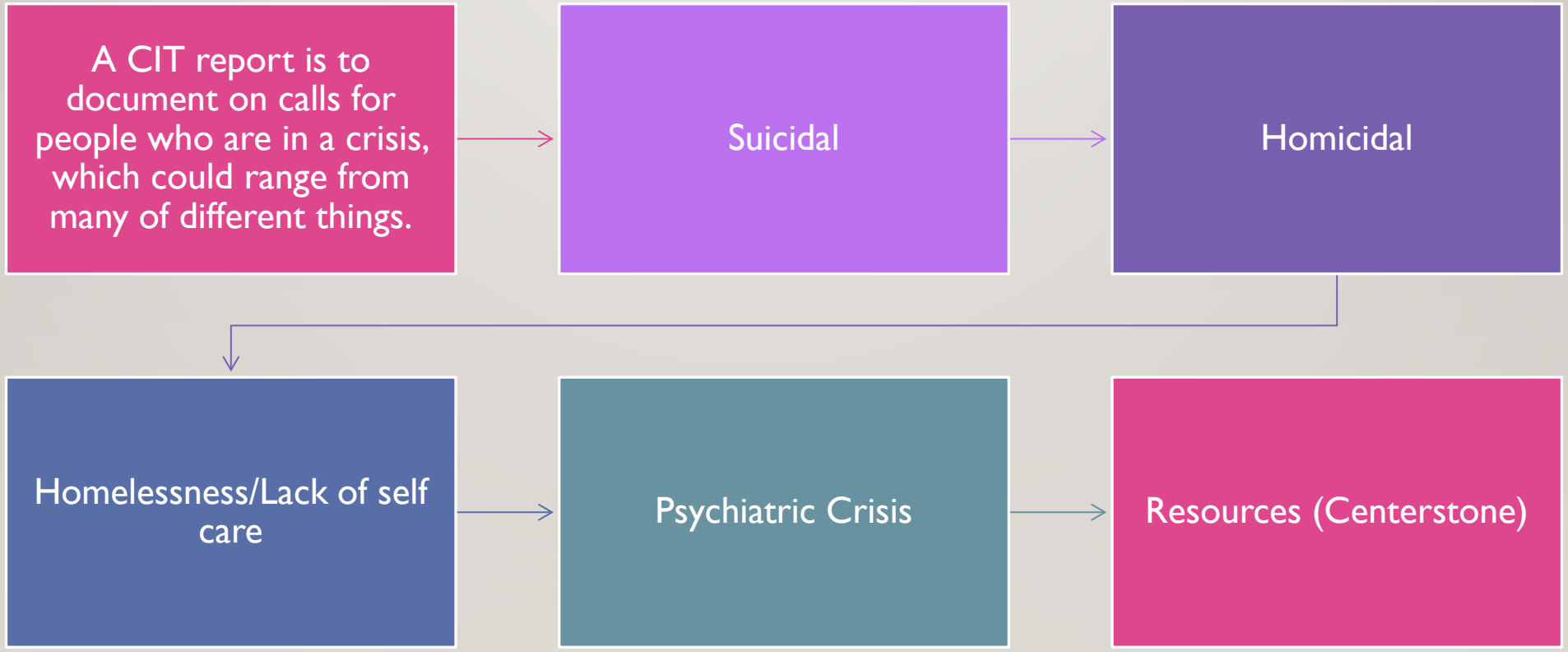
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BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

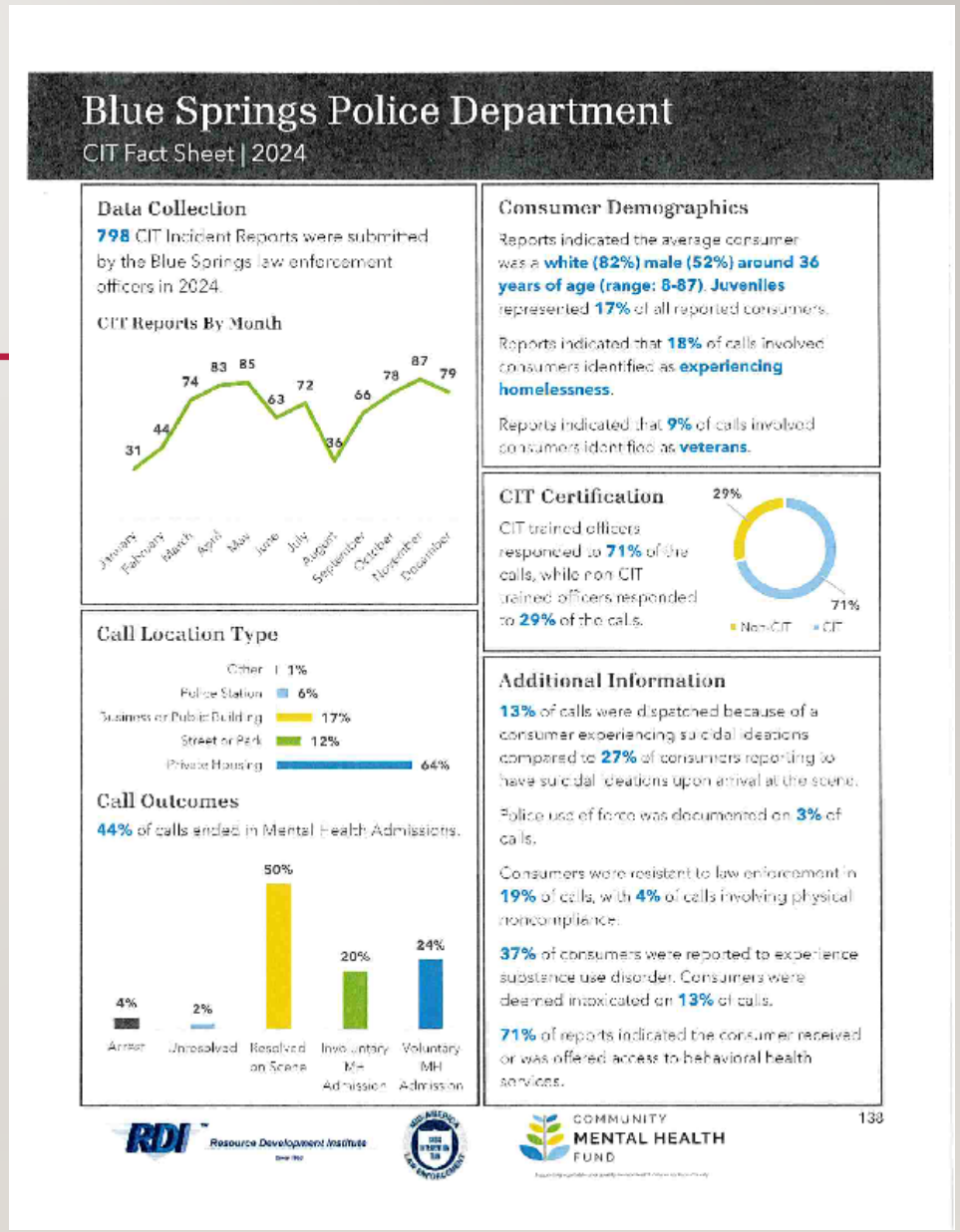


CIT REPORTS


A CIT report is to document on calls for people who are in a crisis, which could range from many of different things.
Suicidal
Homicidal
Homelessness/Lack of self care
Psychiatric Crisis
Resources (Centerstone)

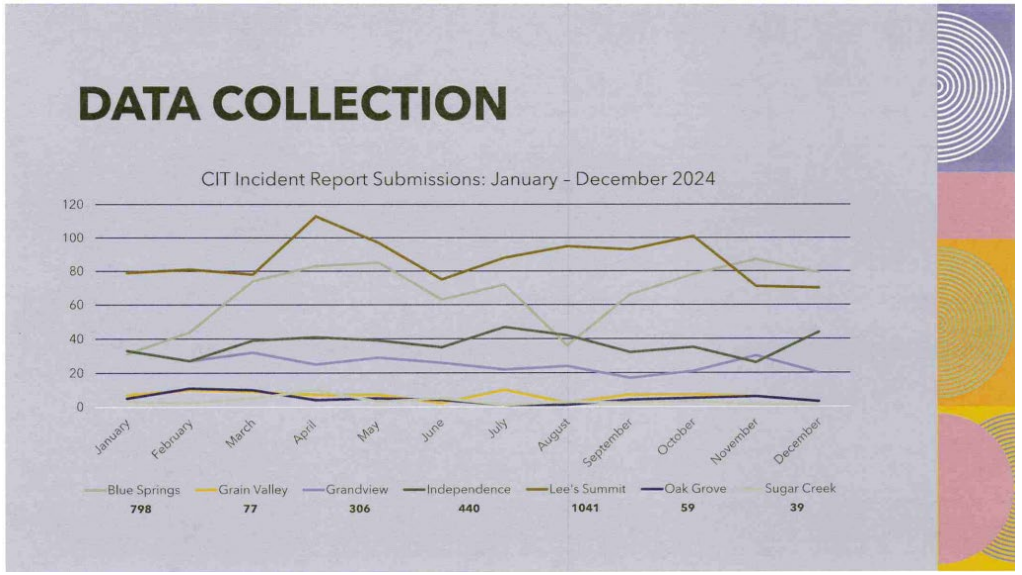
YEAR 2024 DATA

- CIT Reports – 798
- White Male (82%) and (52%) around 36 years of age.
- Juveniles represented (17%) of all reported consumers
- 34 people contacted were suffering from homelessness
- 18% of calls experienced homelessness



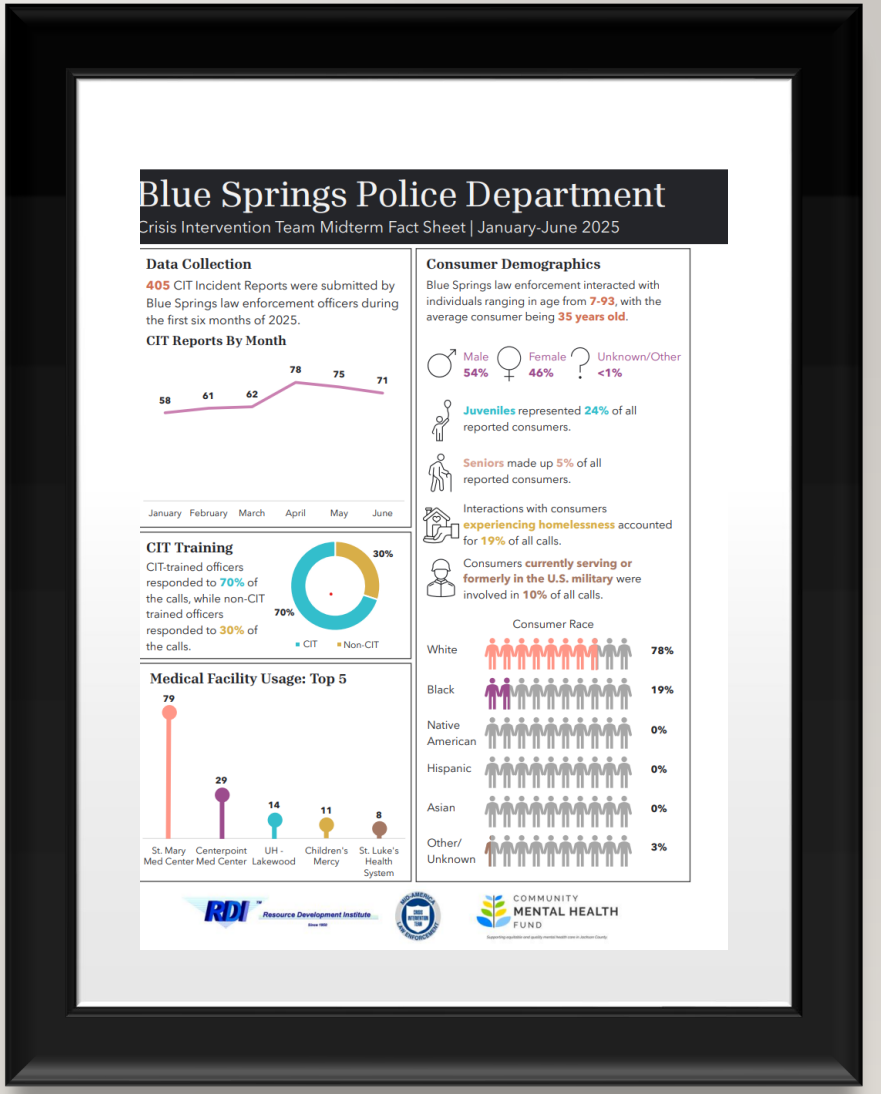
2024 CONTINUED

- Out of 798 reports, there were 94 reports of unhoused (Multiple of the same person) and 31 individual unhoused contacts.
- 2nd in the KC Metro for CIT reports (Except KCMO)
- 1st was Lee's Summit with 1041 reports



YEAR 2025

- Total CIT reports for 2025 were 941, which is an increase from 798 reports (19.4%)
- 536 CIT reports from July to December, and out of the 536 reports, the information is as follows:
- 282 Contacts with homeless population (Includes Multiple contacts)
- 53 Contacts with the homeless population (CIT Report Data)





2025 CONTINUED

- Consumers received or were offered access to resources in 69% of calls
- 19% of calls consumers were experiencing homelessness
- Centerstone has connected 152 consumers in 2025 compared to 74 consumers in 2024. It was an increase of 48% of people connected to services.

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025 DATA

September: 93 reports, 133 CIT calls, 8 unhoused contacts.

October: 110 reports, 122 calls, 14 unhoused contacts, 92.42hours spent on CIT calls

November: 97 reports, 130 calls, 17 unhoused contacts, 92.16 hours spent on CIT calls.

December: 85 reports, 146 calls for service, 7 unhoused contacts, 72.49 hours spent on CIT calls.

Total hours spent on CIT calls: 257.47 hours and 46 unhoused contacts by CIT reports

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LIAISON AND CIT COORDINATOR STATS

Amanda Allen with Centerstone and I conduct (follow-ups) revisits from CIT reports. The following are the statistics:

Since September 2025 we have conducted 101 revisits and made contact with 69 citizens to offer resources. That is a 68% contact rate with citizens.

SUCCESS STORIES

- Michael Eagan (03/30/2025 to 11/24/2025, total calls: 36): Multiple calls regarding a homeless individual at Kohl's Parking. After revisits with Mr. Eagan, he agreed to get assistance from Centerstone's housing liaisons, and he completed the residential substance use program. He is currently in a sober living facility (Ozark Facility). He is currently employed by Children's Mercy in the cafeteria .

- Jonathan Worten (12/26/24 to 08/22/25, total calls: 44): Multiple calls to the Dunkin Donuts on Mr. Worten, Centerstone, and the PD were able to get 96 hour hold on Mr. Worten to be evaluated. A family member was able to take guardianship over him. He is now in a full-time care facility.