

**Senate Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Counterterrorism Hearing  
Entitled, “Behavioral Health and Policing: Interactions and Solutions”  
Questions for the Record Submitted  
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**QUESTIONS FOR RAFAEL MANGUAL FROM  
RANKING MEMBER COTTON**

1. You mentioned in your testimony a report issued the day before this hearing by one of your colleagues at the Manhattan Institute, regarding policing and crisis intervention teams. Please provide the Subcommittee with a copy of that report.
  - **A PDF of the requested report can be downloaded here: <https://www.manhattan-institute.org/policing-without-police-review-evidence>. I would direct you to pg. 7, which reports the data I referenced to the Subcommittee.**
  
2. Based on your research on this issue, what recommendations do you have for policymakers who are looking to improve policing and to improve police interactions with people who face mental health challenges?
  - **My first recommendation would be to continue to invest in efforts to identify viable and scalable de-escalation training programs with an understanding that (1) not every encounter with an individual facing a mental health challenge can be successfully de-escalated without the use of force, and (2) sometimes the use of force to restrain an individual earlier on in an encounter may, under some circumstances, reduce the likelihood of more serious force being used later on in the encounter.**
  - **Secondly, I would recommend that communities continue to *supplement* police efforts with mental health responder models like CAHOOTS, understanding that police efforts simply cannot be supplanted in this space.**
  - **Finally, I would recommend a serious inquiry into the impact of the move in many jurisdictions across the country to drastically raise the transaction costs of involuntary commitment, with an eye toward exploring whether (and, if so, how) to expand the scope and intensity of supervision for populations struggling with mental health challenges. Here I would direct you to the work of my colleague Stephen Eide, who has written on and researched this topic extensively.**