

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2016**  
**ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

**Present: Co Chairs:** Ed Eckhart & Captain James Purcell

**Committee Members:** **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS Board; **Michael Baskin**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; ; **Richard Cirillo**, PhD, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities; **Gabriella Celeste**, Case Western Reserve University; **Sgt. Melissa Dawson**, Cleveland Division of Police; **Mike Evanovich**, Department of Justice; **Tara Foxworth**, Hitchcock House; **Larry Heller**, Greater Cleveland Congregations; **Derek Moore**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill**, Cleveland Division of Police; **Susan Neth**, FrontLine Services; **Rick Oliver**, FrontLine Services; **Scott Osiecki**, ADAMHS Board; **Judy Peters**, The Centers; **Beth Pfol**, ADAMHS Board; **Tej Singh**, Concerned Citizen & Business Owner **Charles See**, **Cleveland Police**; **Ed Stockhausen**, MHAAC; **Heather Tonsing Volosin**, Department of Justice; Judge **Greg White**, City of Cleveland; **Mike Woody**, CIT International.

**Community Police Commission Liaison:** **Kathleen Clegg, MD**, University Hospitals

**Guests:** **Gina Kuhlman**, Advanced Medical Services; **Pythias D. Jones**, M.D., ADAMHS Board

Mr. Eckart opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. The September 12, 2016 meeting summary was reviewed. Heather Tonsing will resubmit language to the September meeting minutes clarifying comments related to the Policy Sub Committee. MHRAC approved the minutes.

**Training Review and Discussion:**

Dr. Richard Cirillo, indicated that the Training Committee reviewed the feedback from Dr. Dupont regarding the Eight Hour in Service Training and made revisions to the document. The Eight Hour Training will be focused in following areas: Overview of Mental Illness; New CIT Policy; Command and Control Strategies; Communication and Active Listening. A binder of the materials was submitted for review to Chief Denihan and Ed Eckart. The MHRAC documents were presented to the membership on line for review and comments. The documents submitted also included the resumes from volunteer Mental Health staff from the largest mental health agencies in order to teach the mental health sections for the In Services Training. The mental health agency volunteers are representatives from FrontLine Services; Murtis Taylor; Connections, Visiting Nurses Association, and Recovery Resources. CDP will utilize OPTA certified instructors from their Division to teach the other sections. MHRAC members approved the Eight Hour Training Modules.

The CIT Specialized 40 Hour Training has been submitted for review and comment from MHRAC. Major edits to the training were to increase time for Role Plays and De Escalation training. Site visits to mental health agencies in the community will continue. The recommended class size for the 40 Hour Training will be up to 30 officers. MHRAC members approved the CIT Specialized 40 Hour Training.

**Policy Review and Discussion:**

Garbiella Celeste provided the update. The Policy Committee met weekly in order to review and finalize their recommendations to CDP regarding the CIT Policies. CDP develop two policies; CIT Program Policy and the CIT Response Policy. CDP in collaboration with DOJ continue to be in discussion regarding some of the aspects of both policies. The draft policies must be presented to the general public for feedback. A tentative date of November 17<sup>th</sup> has been selected by the Community Outreach Committee for the public forums. Discussion regarding the timing of getting the draft policy out to the community, feedback and revisions by January 6, 2017. DOJ will meet with representatives from the City of Cleveland to address these issues. Judge White stressed the need for the Community Outreach Committee, MHRAC, CDP and City of Cleveland to work together to send out information to the community in a collaborative manner in order to allow for a smooth process. No motion to approve at this time. MHRAC members accepted the recommendation to work in collaborative manner with all parties.

### **Community Outreach Committee:**

Larry Heller provided the update. The tentative date for the Public Forum is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions, one at 1:00 p.m. at Murtis Taylor and the other at the Urban Community School at 5:00 p.m. Committee will work with all parties to get the word out to the community about the public forum. There will be mechanism developed to make the CIT Policies online for the community to review and comment. The community outreach committee will meet for further discussion.

### **Community Engagement Committee:**

Ed Stockhausen provided the update. Community engagement committee developed the Community Resource Cards as a mechanism to educate CDP officers on behavioral health resources within their districts. Draft of the community resource cards were disseminated to MHRAC members for review. Emergency services were listed on the front of each set of cards and back of the cards identified behavioral health resources with the address and telephone numbers. Captain Purcell indicated that the community resource cards would be an attachment to the CIT Policy GPO's when approved. CDP indicated that they could produce these cards for the districts when all of the details have been finalized. Gabriella Celeste indicated that the hotline for homeless juveniles should be added-Bellefaire is the designated provider. Suggestion was made to send a letter and copy of the community resource cards to the CEO's of the agencies to inform them about the cards.

### **Co Responder Team Update:**

Rick Oliver provided the update. CIT Co Responder Team has been operating since June. The CIT Co Responder Team is a collaboration between CDP and FrontLine Services. There are two designated CIT Officers and two Mental Health workers. The team works second shift out of the Second District police station. The team has received about 160 referrals via dispatch and other CIT officers from the Second District. The goal of the team is to divert people from jail, consider other alternatives to intervention other than the ER's and link people to services. Out of the 138 people reviewed by the team-only 11 people were seen more than once in a crisis. Four people were arrested due to outstanding warrants. For the first three months of operation, the team feels that they are making a difference in the lives of people they encounter.

### **Data Committee:**

Beth Pfol provided the update. ADAMHS Board is continuing to enter the CIT stat sheet data. Completed 2015 and July 2016. Awaiting CIT stat sheets for August and September. Preliminary report for MHRAC will be prepared and reviewed in the November meeting.

### **Diversions Committee:**

Susan Neth provided the update. Discussion of the crisis support staff present at SVCH to assist with getting people linked with services. The crisis support staff at SVCH is a worker from FrontLine Services. Next diversion committee meeting is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

MHRAC meeting dates will remain the second Monday of every month throughout 2017.

### **New Business:**

Sgt. Dawson indicated that CDP is encouraging the CIT presenters for training schedule a ride along with police officers in order to gather more insight into how they function. The City of Cleveland has agreed to relax the liability process in order to support the effort.

### **Meeting adjourned at 10:35**