

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**June 13, 2016**  
**ADAMHS Board**

**Present:**      **Chair:**      **William M. Denihan**  
                 **Co-Chair:**      **Ed Eckart**

**Committee Members:** **Yolanda Armstrong**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland; **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS Board; **Michael Baskin**, NAMI of Greater Cleveland; **Eugenia Cash**, Cleveland Metropolitan School District & ADAMHS Board Chair; **Gabriella Celeste**, Case Western Reserve University; **Dr. Richard Cirillo**, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities; **Rosemary Creeden**, FrontLine Services; **Sgt. Melissa Dawson**, Cleveland Division of Police; **John Garrity**, ADAMHS Board; **Yolanda Gordon**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Larry Heller**, Cleveland State University; **Kyle Miller**, Sisters of Charity Health System; **Thomas Minshall**, United Way Services; **Derek Moore**, Cleveland Municipal Court; ; **Dr. Mark Munetz**, NEOMED; **Susan Neth**, FrontLine Services; **Rick Oliver**, Frontline Services; **Scott Osiecki**, ADAMHS Board; **Rosie Palfy**, Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board; **Meghan Patton**, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; **Judy Peters**, The Centers; **Ellen Riehm**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Carolyn Szweda**, Louis Stokes VA; **Judge Joan Synenberg**, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court; **Heather Tonsing Volosin**, US Department of Justice; **Judge Greg White**, City of Cleveland, and **Michael Woody**, CIT International.

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

**Community Members:** **Lily Casura**; **Eric Heisig**, cleveland.com; **Bobby Klinko**, DBWA; **Laura Vanni**, DBWA

- Mr. Denihan opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending.
- Mr. Eckart asked the Committee to review the May 9 meeting summary.
  - Mr. Osiecki mentioned that he updated the summary with several corrections that were submitted prior to meeting from Ms. Palfy.
  - Ms. Celeste asked that the meeting summary reflect the discussion on lack of identification that an officer is a CIT Officer, including visibility of the current CIT pin and/or the need for a larger pin, badge and or arm band.
- The May 9 meeting summary was approved with the addition of the above CIT Officer identification.

**Crisis Intervention Policy Discussion:**

- Ms. Celeste thanked everyone on the Policy Committee and the MHRAC for their input on the First Draft of the Crisis Intervention Policy that was submitted to the Monitoring Team.
- She explained that feedback was received from the Monitoring Team and circulated a copy of the feedback among the group. Part of the feedback was a revision of the timeline.
- The Policy Committee reviewed the feedback. Deputy Chief O'Neill took the recommendations and separated the original draft of the policy into two policies; Crisis Intervention Program and Crisis Intervention Policy.
- Policy Committee will meet weekly in order to provide feedback and edits to the two documents. Committee will have its Proposed Final Drafts of the Crisis Intervention Program

and Crisis Intervention Policy by July 1. These drafts will be e-mailed to the MHRAC for review and input.

- Both Proposed Final Drafts will be reviewed and discussed for approval during the July 11 MHRAC meeting for submission to the Monitoring Team on July 14.
- The Community Engagement Committee will work on obtaining feedback from the public regarding the policies.
- Mr. Denihan expressed appreciation for the work being done on the policies and the ample time line for full committee review.
- The revised policy timeline was accepted by the MHRAC.

### **Training Discussion:**

- 8-hour *Responding to Individuals in Crisis* Training:
  - Mr. Miller expressed appreciation for the work done by the members of the Training Committee.
  - He explained that the First Draft of the 8-hour Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training curriculum was submitted to the Monitoring Team.
  - Feedback from the Monitoring Team was received last week. He stated that the Monitoring Committee accepted about 90% of the recommendations.
  - Training Committee will further review the feedback and revise the curriculum and submit the Proposed Final Drafts to Mr. Denihan and Mr. Eckart for circulation to the MHRAC prior to the July 11 meeting when it will be reviewed and discussed for approval for submission to the Monitoring Team by the end of the day on July 11.
  - Sergeant Dawson indicated that the CPD is working on the development of the lesson plans for the 8-hour Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training and plan to have it to Deputy Chief O'Neill by June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Upon approval for the 8-hour Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training, CPD would like to begin training by August with completion by December 2016.
- 8-hour *Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training for Call-takers, Dispatchers and Supervisors*:
  - Training Committee has reviewed the current 8-hour Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training for Dispatchers and is working on revisions for the First Draft of the 8-hour Responding to Individuals in Crisis Training for Call-takers, Dispatchers and Supervisors.
  - Training Committee continues to work on the 40-hour Specialized CIT training outline.

### **Diversion Committee:**

- Mr. Denihan provided an overview of his visit to the Haven for Hope Center located in San Antonio -- a comprehensive one-stop service center for the homeless population. He encouraged the group to learn about Haven for Hope at its website: <http://www.havenforhope.org>
- MHRAC needs to continue to look for opportunities to develop a Cleveland model for services. We have several resources that already exist in the community and we should review our assets.

### **Data Committee:**

- Dialogue is needed with Deputy Chief O'Neill regarding the potential for focus groups with the police.

### **Community Engagement Committee:**

- Judy Peters reported that the Community Engagement Committee had a great meeting and underwent a great process while developing the draft of a resource card for police officers.
- She indicated that once the card was complete the committee realized that there are many places to take people for help which led the group to rethink that the card should focus on where we want police officers to take people.
- The committee will re-think and re-draft the resource card during its next meeting.
- Ellen Riehm asked who would be responsible for updating the card as she knows it is a difficult task as NAMI Greater Cleveland strives to keep their resources up-to-date. Ms. Peters responded that the group will discuss that process.
- During a discussion on the inclusion of faith-based services on the card, the group was informed about Chaplaincy Services offered by the Cleveland Division of Police. Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin also advised the group that the ADAMHS Board recently contracted with six faith-based organizations to help integrate spirituality with treatment. He suggested that the Community Engagement Committee may want to contact Rev. Karell McDaniel at Life Recovery Ministries.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Rosie Palfy asked about her recommendations to the MHRAC:
  1. Adding "Death" to the CIT Stat Sheet: It was explained that the CIT Stat Sheet was approved without the recommendation because there is a section identified as *Injury to Subject?*; *Injury to Officers?*; *Injury to Others?* If any of these options is selected the officer is required to submit an internal report.
  2. Invite a psychiatrist and/or psychologist from Veterans Affairs: It was noted that the MHRAC does have a representative from Veteran Affairs, although not a psychiatrist or psychologist.
  3. Invite representatives from EMS to join the MHRAC committee: It was noted that the Cleveland Safety Director, who is over EMS is Co-Chair of the MHRAC and that the suggestion will be further considered. Gabriella Celeste indicated that representatives from EMS and Dispatch would be helpful because many of the Policy components are related to their functions.
  4. Recommendation to allow a mental health client to request the type of transportation to the hospital from a CIT Officer, such as an ambulance to the hospital, rather than being handcuffed and transported in the back of a police car. Heather Tonsing Volosin stated that the Policy Committee is discussing when police or EMS should transport a person with mental illness. She invited Ed Eckart to attend a committee meeting to participate in the conversation.

- Gabriella Celeste recognizes that the MHRAC will continue and asked about the MHRAC's future identity. She explained that as the Policy Committee worked on language for the CIT Policies, they were thinking about people with behavioral health issues, not just mental health, as the target population.
  - Question was posed as whether the name of the committee could be changed from Mental Health Response Advisory Committee to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee in order to reflect the target population.
  - Mr. Denihan indicated that when the MHRAC was established the focus was to include alcohol and other drug and developmental disabilities, as well a mental health – to be Cleveland specific. He stated that further discussion will be had regarding changing the name of the committee and asked to have it placed on the July 11 meeting agenda.
- Ms. Celeste updated the group on HB 110 which may have an impact on our CIT program. The pending legislation requires emergency medical service personnel to report the administration of naloxone on request of a law enforcement agency in specified circumstances and provides immunity for a minor drug possession to a person who seeks medical help for a drug overdose for him or herself or another person if the violation came from seeking medical help, and within 30 days after seeking or obtaining the medical assistance, the person obtains a screening and receives a referral for treatment from a community addiction services provider or a credentialed addiction or treatment professional. The person who obtains the screening and receives the referral will have to submit documentation to any prosecuting attorney, upon request, that verifies that the person satisfied those requirements.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**

**Next meeting is 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2016 at the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County.**