

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting
July 11, 2016
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

Present: Chair: William M. Denihan

Committee Members: Yolanda Armstrong, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Carole Ballard, ADAMHS Board; Michael Baskin, NAMI Greater Cleveland; Gabriella Celeste, Case Western University; Rosemary Creedan, FrontLine Services; Melissa Dawson, Cleveland Division of Police; Dr. Albana Dreshy, SVCH (*new member*); Tara Foxworth, Hitchcock House for Women; Judge Hollie Gallagher, Common Pleas Court; Dr. John Garrity, ADAMHS; Larry Heller, Cleveland State University; Vincent Holland, Tri C; Kyle Miller, Sisters of Charity Health Systems; Derek Moore, Cleveland Municipal Court; Dr. Mark Munetz, NEOMED; Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill, Cleveland Division of Police; Scott Osiecki, ADAMHS Board; Capt. James Purcell, Cleveland Division of Police; Ellen Riehm, NAMI Greater Cleveland; Tej Singh, private citizen; Kathleen Stoll, community advocate; Myron Stoll, private citizen; Carolyn Szweda, Cleveland VA; Heather Tonsing Volosin, Department of Justice; Judge Greg White, City of Cleveland and Mike Woody, CIT International;

Community Members: Gina Kuhlman, Advanced Medical Services

Mr. Denihan opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m., and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting summary from the June 13 MHRAC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Denihan excused himself to attend another meeting in the building and asked Judge White to Chair the meeting in his absence.

Crisis Intervention Policies:

- **Review of the Proposed Final Draft CIT Response Policy:**
 - The Policy Committee was commended by the MHRAC for its great work on the development of the policies.
 - CDP revised draft policy based upon feedback from the Policy Committee. Received additional feedback from committee members but have not incorporated all but will revise where needed prior to submission to the Monitoring Team.
 - Members expressed concern regarding the language related to the Emergency Certificate, i.e., Pink Slip. Language in the policy needs to state that the purpose of the Pink Slip is for evaluation but does not guarantee hospitalization. Policy should indicate that police officers are to take person to the ER for evaluation.
 - Discussion related to the policy section regarding "AWOL." Language is confusing, i.e, mental health facility vs. inpatient psychiatric facility. Group agreed language should read inpatient psychiatric facility.
 - Discussion regarding the section on Juveniles with emphasis that CDP will contact FrontLine Services/Children's Response Team for consultation.
 - With the above recommended changes, MHRAC committee approved the Proposed Final Draft of the CIT policy to be submitted to the Monitors.

- **Review of the Proposed Final Draft CIT Program Policy:**
 - CDP indicated that they received and reviewed recommendations from the Policy Committee.
 - Suggestion to add Juveniles to the list of potential advanced training recommendations being reference in the policy. Also policy language uses CIT and CIT Program interchangeably. Needs to be more consistent.
 - With the above recommended changes, MHRAC committee approved the Proposed Final Draft of the CIT Program policy to be submitted to the Monitors.

Training:

- **Proposed Final Draft 8-hour Crisis Intervention Training:**
 - Training Committee incorporated suggestions from its members.
 - A MHRAC member commented that the curriculum was great but wondered if the language used in the PowerPoints were a bit “dry” and suggested more visuals.
 - Discussion ensued that the skill of the trainer will provide energy and interaction during the training to make it more interesting.
 - CDP will reach out to existing CIT officers and Academy staff to be a part of the Train the Trainer model.
 - Recommendation was made to have the training delivered with a co-facilitators of both mental health professional and CDP.
 - The MHRAC committee approved the Proposed Final Draft of the 8-hour CIT Training curriculum to be submitted to the Monitoring Team.
- **40-hour Specialized CIT Training:**
 - The Training Committee will focus on the development of the 40-hour Specialized CIT Training over the next several weeks.
 - Deadline for submission to monitor is September 2. Training Committee will submit draft to MHRAC for review and discussion prior to the September meeting.

Community Engagement Subcommittee:

- Discussion of gathering feedback via focus groups with CDP on the draft of the Community Resource cards. It was noted that good feedback was received.

MHRAC Future Identity Discussion:

- Since the MHRAC will exist beyond the Consent Decree and the group has encompassed addictions and developmental disabilities in its scope of work, there was a suggestion and following discussion on changing the name from the MHRAC to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.
- It was pointed out that when the former mental health and addiction services boards were in the process of merging, this topic was discussed and it was determined that people felt that behavioral health had a negative connotation indicated that a person’s behavior was bad needed to be corrected, rather than a person living with a mental illness.
- It was also pointed out that the name was embedded in the Consent Decree and the MOU, and that both documents refer specifically to mental health.

- The group decided to continue with the present title of Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC).

Open Discussion:

- Acting on the Monitoring Team's suggestion of having a representative from the CDP serve as a co-chair of the MHRAC, the group recommended that Captain James Purcell, CDP CIT Coordinator to be selected as that co-chair.
- A formal vote will be taken at the August 8 MHRAC meeting.

Judge White adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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