

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

Present: Co-Chairs: Captain James Purcell, Cleveland Division of Police and Scott Osiecki, ADAMHS Board

Committee Members: Carole Ballard, ADAMHS Board; Marsha Blanks, NAMI Cleveland; Gabriella Celeste, Case Western Reserve University; Dr. Richard Cirillo, Board of DD; Michael Evanovich, Department of Justice; Carmen Gandarilla, ADAMHS Board; Larry Heller, Cleveland State University; Karen Kearny, MHAC; Christina Kalnicki, Care Source; Susan Neth, Frontline Services; Rosie Palfy, Community Advocate; Issa Rania, Cleveland Division of Police; Samantha Reid, Community Advocate; Charles See, City of Cleveland Monitoring Team; Carolyn Szveda, Beech brook; Heather Tonsing-Volosin, Department of Justice; Beth DeJesus-Zietlow, ADAMHS Board

Guest: Brenda Bickerstaff; Rev. Karell T. McDaniel

MHRAC Member on the Phone: Dr. Randy Dupont; Judge Hollie Gallagher

Review and Acceptance of the May 15, 2018 Meeting Summary:

Scott Osiecki opened the meeting at 9:05 am. The MHRAC members reviewed the meeting summary and approved pending name corrections and QI update briefly discussed in July. The following summary are brief highlights of the discussion during the meeting.

MHRAC Review of Mental Health Related Elements of the Settlement Agreement:

- Copy of the Settlement Agreement regarding Mental Health was disseminated to the group.
- Highlights were reviewed from the settlement agreement.
- The group was reminded that the purpose of MHRAC is to serve in an advisory capacity to the City of Cleveland. The actual work is implemented by the CDP and/or the ADAMHS Board and/or designees.

MHRAC Review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ADAMHS Board & City of Cleveland

- Copy of the MOU was disseminated to the group.
- Highlights of the MOU were reviewed. The agreement outlines the creation of MHRAC and its role and function. As stated in the MOU “The Advisory Committee shall act strictly in an advisory capacity to the City and shall have no power or authority to impose any mandates, requirements, expenses, or costs on the City or the ADAMHS Board.”
- The group discussed the MHRAC meetings frequency. Although the MOU indicates “regularly,” but at least monthly. The group was reminded that in 2017, a previous chairperson suggested the committee meet every other month to allow the sub-committees time to meet and that the MHRAC members agreed to this new schedule.
- It was mentioned that MHRAC submitted work plans for year one, two and three.
- Committee membership was also discussed.
- There was brief discussion regarding MHRAC members not knowing what items were approved by the Judge. Heather offered to send these documents to MHRAC members following the meeting.
- If there additional questions regarding the role of monitors, please send those items to Charles See.

Sub-committee Reports:

- **Training:** C. Ballard
 - Four-hour in-service training is continuing with all CDP officers. ADAMHS Board will collect the training materials from the existing CIT presenters.
- **Community Engagement:** K. Kearns
 - Officers are completing the questionnaire regarding the use of the Community Resource cards. Final results will be shared with MHRAC.
- **Diversion:** C. Kalnicki
 - Meeting is being scheduled to identify MHRAC members who are interested in joining the Diversion Committee.
- **Quality Improvement:** C. Ballard
 - A brief update regarding a review of the first quarter data was provided.
 - Data shows an increase in verbal de-escalation, a decrease in the use of handcuffs and an increase in juvenile calls regarding suicide attempts.

Open Discussion:

- It was announced that the ADAMHS Board received a Department of Justice Grant focusing on developing a mechanism to gather and share opiate data. CWRU is partnering on the grant.
- City of Cleveland Co-Responder Grant final results will be discussed during the next MHRAC meeting.
- Access to the Crisis Stabilization Bed is a continuing subject in a variety of meetings. Bed is limited to two units and is voluntary. Clients are reluctant to go.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the ADAMHS Board. Meeting is scheduled for a Tuesday due to ADAMHS Board offices being closed on Veterans Day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.