

**Mental Health Advisory Committee: Executive Committee Meeting
September 17, 2015 Highlights**

Present: **Chair:** **William M. Denihan**, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County
 Vice-chair: **Ed Eckart**, Assistant Director, City of Cleveland Department of Public Safety

Executive Committee Members: **Michael Baskin**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Eugenia Cash**, ADAMHS Board & Cleveland Metropolitan School District; **Gabriella Celeste**, CWRU Schubert Center for Child Studies; **Sgt. Melissa Dawson**, Cleveland Police; **Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.**, ADAMHS Board & United Pastors in Mission; **Orlando Grant**, Life Exchange Center; **Leslie Koblentz, MD, JD**, St. Vincent Charity Hospital & Cuyahoga County Jail; **Mark R. Munetz, MD**, NEOMED-CTCCOE; **Deputy Chief Joellen O’Neill**, Cleveland Police; **Judy Peters**, The Centers; **Yvonne Pointer**, City of Cleveland; **Judge Joan Synenberg**, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court; City of Cleveland; **Luis Vazquez**, Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry; **Mike Woody**, NEOMED-CTCCOE.

ADAMHS Board Staff: **Scott Osiecki**, Director of External Affairs; **John Garrity, Ph.D.**, Director of QI/Evaluation & Research; **Carole Ballard**, Forensic Specialist

- Prior to the meeting, Ed Gallek’s favorable FOX 8 I-Team news story about CIT Training was shown. Link to the story: <http://fox8.com/2015/09/04/i-team-gets-look-inside-special-cleveland-police-training>.
- Mr. Denihan opened the meeting with introductions at 9:00 a.m.
- Mr. Denihan updated the group that the MOU between the Board, the City of Cleveland and the Police Department was officially signed and became effective on September 10, 2015. The signing of this MOU officially formed the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Denihan announced that Mayor Frank Jackson will hold a press conference about the signing of the MOU and the formation of the Mental Health Advisory Committee sometime the week of September 21, 2015.
- Mr. Eckart reviewed the September 8, 2015 Executive Committee meeting summary and it was accepted with the correction of the date that the Consent Decree was signed: June 12, 2015.
- Mr. Eckart mentioned that the City of Cleveland is working on merging the separate police and fire emergency call centers into one center that would handle either call.
- Mr. Eckart mentioned that he has not yet heard if Cleveland was selected for the Federal Grant to develop a pilot program in the 2nd Police District that would allow civilian mental health professionals to be on the scene in case the police need assistance with diffusing a mental health situation. This program would operate 7 days a week for 8 hours in the late afternoon to early evening. The pilot would run for three years. Should know within the month if selected for the grant. ADAMHS Board will provide a \$150,000 match.
- Mr. Denihan asked Deputy Chief Joellen O’Neill to provide an update on the Cleveland Division of Police Crisis Intervention Mental Health/AoD Statistic Sheet – a form used by CIT Officers when responding to calls involving mental health and/or addiction issues.
 - Deputy Chief O’Neill circulated the revised form among the committee members and highlighted that several edits have been made to the form, including the addition of point of contact and reason for the interaction.

- A discussion of the form followed which resulted in the suggested edits:
 - Adding “probate” in addition to “pink slipped” to either private hospital/emergency room or St. Vincent Charity Hospital Emergency Room.
 - Change “sex” to: checkboxes with “male” “female” “transgender.”
- The group approved the form with the above noted edits.
- Mr. Denihan reviewed the four subcommittees of the Mental Health Advisory Committee and asked the Executive Committee for formal approval of the following subcommittee structure, with the caveat that other committees may be added as needed:
 - **Data Committee:** Analyze data collected on CIT calls for monthly updates to Mental Health Advisory committee and annual report to City.
 - **Training Committee:** Discuss and make recommendations for 8-hour Mental Health /AoD training for all Cleveland Police officers and personnel, as well as the 40-hour CIT training for officers who volunteer for the training.
 - **Policy Review Committee:** Review current and recommend operational policies.
 - **Community Involvement/Engagement Committee:** Foster relationships between the Cleveland Police Department and the community and ensure Mental Health Advisory Committee meetings are held at least monthly throughout the Cleveland Police Districts to ensure community participation.
- During a discussion in preparation for the Mental Health Advisory Committee, Rev. Ben Gohlstin made a motion to accept the committees, which was seconded by Dr. Leslie Koblentz. Discussion followed regarding:
 - Best practices that the committees could review, such as in San Antonio.
 - Availability of established background data, such as existing reports and data from the beginning of 2015.
 - Self-set timeline for subcommittees to meet the end of January 2016 report deadline.
 - The motion carried and the subcommittee structure was unanimously approved.
- It was determined that data and information would be exchanged through the DOJ/CPD Mental Health Advisory Committee page on the ADAMHS Board Website: www.adamhsc.org.
- Mr. Denihan asked members of the Executive Committee to select one or more committees to join:
 - **Data Committee:** John Garrity; Dr. Munetz.
 - **Training Committee:** Dr. Koblentz, Sgt. Dawson; Mike Woody.
 - **Policy Review Committee:** Gabriella Celeste; Deputy Chief O’Neill; Judge Synenberg; Sgt. Dawson.
 - **Community Involvement/Engagement Committee:** Yvonne Pointer; Eugenia Cash; Luis Vasquez; Judy Peters; Judge Synenberg; Michael Baskin; Rev. Gohlstin.
- Mr. Eckert reported that the Cleveland Police CIT Coordinator position is posted at a Captain level position. He also explained the Cleveland Division of Police hiring process.
- Mr. Denihan ask Mr. Woody to share the Hancock County CIT Data Reports with the Mental Health Advisory Committee’s Data Committee.
- Next Steps/Follow-up:
 - A Survey Monkey will be sent to members with possible dates for the next Executive Committee meeting.
 - The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in the community.

- The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
- Future Discussion/Agenda Topics:
 - Executive Committee:
 - Voting rights
 - Diversion Committee:
 - Review of San Antonio CIT/Diversion Program