Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Monday, January 14, 2019
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 Greater Cleveland; Gabriella Celeste, Case Western Reserve University; Curtis Couch, ADAMHS Board; Michael Evanovich, Department of Justice; Yolanda Gordon, Cleveland Municipal Court; Larry Heller, Cleveland State University; Karen Kearny, MHAC; Shannon Jerse, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center; Christina Kalnicki, Care Source; Chris Mignogna, NAMI Greater Cleveland; Rev, Karell McDaniel, Life Recovery Ministries; Rick Oliver, FrontLine Services; Rania Issa, Cleveland Division of Police; Carolyn Szweda, Beech Brook; Samantha Reid, The Centers; Beth DeJesus-Zietlow, ADAMHS Board

MHRAC Member on the Phone: Dr. Randy Dupont; Kathleen Stoll; Dr. Rick Cirillo; Susan Neth; Gabriella Celeste.

Scott Osiecki opened the meeting at 9:10 am. The MHRAC members reviewed the December 10, 2018 meeting summary and it was approved by all.

Sub-committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement: Kearney**
  Community forums in the past were used as a mechanism to gather information from the community. Since there was no specific information that was being sought, the community forums that were scheduled for January 2019 were canceled. Rather than holding the forums, it was recommended that the MHRAC present at the Cuyahoga County Social Work Conference on March 8, 2019. This venue will allow the MHRAC to reach a larger audience. Presented there in the past and will give an opportunity to update the community on what MHRAC has been working on. ADAMHS Board will submit the application to present the workshop.

  The group discussed the CPD officers’ responses to the Community Resource Cards that were collected through a survey that was given to the officers during in-service training. Received 120 responses of which 52% indicated that the cards were useful. Karen Kearney has a copy of the survey results. Need to look at future recommendations for the Community Resource Cards.

  Social media update was provided. Working towards developing posts and messaging on the ADAMHS Board and CDP websites. Continued discussion is needed.

- **Diversion: Kalnicki**
  Committee discussed the need to look at the amount of time it takes to get a person linked to services. Need further discussion on after hours contact information with the providers. The ADAMHS Board has requested this information from its contracted providers. Discussion regarding the ADAMHS Board sharing the afterhours contact information with the Mobile Crisis Team and CDP so that the officers and/or the MCT can contact providers if needed. MCT could provide clinical information that could assist the officers during the crisis.

  Committee also discussed the need to look at the Community Resource Cards to review the resources identified currently and in the future. Diversion Chair will attend the next Community Engagement meeting in order to participate in the discussion regarding the Community Resource Cards.

  Discussion regarding the role of the faith-based community during a crisis. Suggestion made regarding the use of “community chaplain” someone who could be present to assist the person in crisis. This suggestion was made by Life Recovery Ministries.
• **Quality Improvement: Celeste**  
Committee has been reviewing the CIT stat sheet data reports on a quarterly basis. Committee noted discrepancies in the data collected. Plan is to look at case studies as part of the review to determine if the officers are following the new CIT policies and procedures. Committee wants to look at what is working or not working with the new CIT policies.

• **Training: Ballard/Purcell**  
Because of the size of the documents, ADAMHS Board created a drop box as a mechanism to share the materials from the CIT presenters with the MHRAC members for the 40-Hour Specialized CIT training. This process was not smooth nor successful. Board and committee exploring the creation of a link to review the documents.

Committee is assembling the information to send to MHRAC for approval. The committee will be meeting on January 18, 2019 to have further discussion on how to review the materials and share the information with MHRAC as a whole. Training committee is likely to send all of the information electronically and MHRAC will be able to vote from their computers. Too much material for providing a hardcopy.

**2019 MHRAC Work Plan Discussion: Osiecki**

• Discussion regarding the need to create the 2019 Work Plan. Copies of the 2018 work plan were distributed and reviewed by the members. It was noted that many of the areas are still in progress, such as the development and implementation of the 40-Hour Specialized CIT training.

• Ideas for the 2019 Work Plan were provided by the group. A draft will be presented and discussed at the March 11, 2019 MHRAC meeting.

• The work plan provides the sub committees and MHRAC with direction for the year and benchmarks to achieve.

**MHRAC Annual Report: Osiecki**

• ADAMHS Board presented a draft of highlights for MHRAC which will be part of the 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report is due to the City of Cleveland and the ADAMHS Board on January 31, 2019.

**Next Meeting:**  
• Monday, March 11, 2019

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**