

**Mental Health Response Advisory 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

Committee Members: **Michael Baskin**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Mary Bazie**, Hitchcock Center for Women, **Jennifer Blumhagen**, Bellefaire JCB; **Eugenia Cash**, ADAMHS Board & Cleveland Metropolitan School District; **Gabriella Celeste**, CWRU Schubert Center for Child Studies; **Richard Cirillo**, Cuyahoga County Board of DD; **Sgt. Melissa Dawson**, Cleveland Police; **Judge Hollie Gallagher**, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; **Janet Garcia**, MetroHealth; **Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.**, ADAMHS Board & United Pastors in Mission; **Orlando Grant**, Life Exchange Center; **Larry Heller**, Greater Cleveland Congregations; **Joan Hinkelman**, Cleveland Catholic Charities; **Leslie Koblentz, MD, JD**, St. Vincent Charity Hospital & Cuyahoga County Jail; **Lori Locke**, University Hospitals; **Kyle Miller**, Sisters of Charity Health System; **Derek Moore**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Mark R. Munetz, MD**, NEOMED-CTCCOE; **Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill**, Cleveland Police; **Susan Neth**, FrontLine Service; **Marie Nemec**, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; **Judy Peters**, The Centers; **Yvonne Pointer**, City of Cleveland; **Stephanie Pryor**, Cuyahoga County Probation Department; **Erica Robinson**, Volunteer Education Services; **Ellen Riehm**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Robert Ronis, MD**, University Hospitals, Case medical Center; **Edward Stockhausen**, Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition; **Kathleen Stoll**, Advocate; **Judge Joan Synenberg**, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; City of Cleveland; **Lethea Thomas**, Volunteer Education Services; **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

- Mr. Denihan opened the meeting with a welcome to the first meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Committee and introductions at 10:00 a.m. It was announced that Mr. Denihan is the Chair of the Committee representing the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County and Mr. Eckart is the Vice-chair representing the City.
- Mr. Denihan explained that the Memorandum of Understanding (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 reviewed the charge of the Mental Health Advisory Committee and stated that it is more than just oversight. The Committee's charge is broad and far-reaching and includes making recommendations to the City and the police.
- 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 mental health portions of the Consent Decree.
- 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 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 reviewed the purpose of the subcommittees of the Mental Health Advisory Committee:
 - **Executive Committee:** Smaller group of key stakeholders to work closely together, reach consensus on decision points and ensure the progress of the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
 - **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 of the subcommittees, Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill, suggested the addition of a Diversion Committee. The entire group agreed to the addition of the Diversion Committee.

- Mr. Denihan asked all Mental Health Advisory Committee members to select one or more committees to join. The group separated into smaller groups to discuss the subcommittee charge, select a committee chair and co-chair, discuss meeting date, time and location and report back to the larger group.
 - Mr. Denihan stressed the importance of committee work since a report is due to the Police Commission no later than January 31, 2016.

- Each newly selected subcommittee Chair reported to the group:
 - **Data Committee:** John Garrity, Chair.
 - Purpose of the data committee will include using the data to assist officers, problem solve frequent users of services and report back to larger group.
 - The statewide project at NEOMED will assist in reviewing existing 2015 CIT data from the ADAMHS Board and Cleveland Police to establish a baseline and determine how to measure change.
 - Next meeting date, time and location will be established via e-mail among members.
 - **Training Committee:** Kyle Miller, Chair; Sgt. Melissa Dawson, Co-chair.
 - Various issues of training were discussed, including the CIT model, developing a specialized Cleveland CIT model, curriculum, incentives, compensation for current volunteer trainers, who receives the training and which type of training, number of trainings to offer per year, refresher courses, and reviewing examples of other trainings.
 - Next meeting date, time and location will be established via e-mail among members.
 - **Policy Review Committee:** Gabriella Celeste, Chair; Judge Hollie Gallagher, Co-chair.
 - The group set an agenda to start its work that includes reviewing and identifying what communities generate the most calls for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability issues, reviewing current Cleveland Division of Police policies, studying policies from other cities and learning from best practices on how other police departments respond to people with mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability issues, and performing a gap assessment to identify and

define general policies on mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability.

- The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 6, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 12A of the Justice Center, 1200 Ontario St, Cleveland, OH 44113

- **Community Involvement/Engagement Committee:** Ed Stockhausen, Chair; Erica Robinson, Co-chair

- The committee discussed wanting to know what is already happening within the individual police districts to encourage relationships among the police and community members so that progress can be built on existing work.
- It was suggested that a police officer, a doctor and a councilman should walk the neighborhoods to build trust among the community.
- The committee's next meeting will include discussion on what the police, mental health courts and Council people are doing on the issue of crime.
- The group encourage further meetings at mental health centers, recreation centers, libraries and faith-based centers.
- Next meeting date, time and location will be established.

- **Diversion Committee:** Susan Neth, Chair; Maria Nemec Co-chair.

- The group reported that it established its purpose as working with the Cleveland Division of Police to maximize diversion, when appropriate, for individuals struggling with mental health and/or addiction crisis from the judicial system.
- The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. noon at NorthStar Neighborhood Reentry Resource Center, 1834, East 55th St. Cleveland, OH 44103

- **Next Steps/Follow-up:**

- Roster of each subcommittee will be developed and sent to members.
- The Chairs of each subcommittee will notify Scott Osiecki of the next meeting date, time and location.
- The date, time and location of the next Mental Health Advisory Committee will be e-mailed to members and posted on the DOJ/CPD Mental Health Advisory Committee page on the ADAMHS Board Website: www.adamhsc.org.

- The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

- **Future Discussion/Agenda Topics:**

- Executive Committee:
 - Voting rights
- Diversion Committee:
 - Review of San Antonio CIT/Diversion Program