

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Special Meeting**  
**April 13, 2016**  
**ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

**Present:**      **Chair: William Denihan**

**Committee Members:** **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS; **Tara Foxworth**, Hitchcock House for Women; **Judge Hollie Gallagher**, Common Pleas Court; **Dr. John Garrity**, ADAMHS; **Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin**, United Pastors and ADAMHS Board; **Valeria Harper**, ADAMHS; **Kyle Miller**, Sisters of Charity Health Systems; **Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill**, Cleveland Police; **Scott Osiecki**, ADAMHS Board; **Capt. James Purcell**, Cleveland Division of Police; **Edward Stockhauseen**, MHAC; **Carolyn Szweda**, Cleveland VA; **Heather Tonsing Volosin**, Department of Justice; **Judge Greg White**, City of Cleveland;

**Conference Call:** **Randy Dupont**, Monitoring Team; **Kathleen Stoll**, Advocate; **Orlando Grant**, Life Exchange Center

- Mr. Denihan opened the meeting at 9:00 am and thanked everyone for attending. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss feedback from the Monitoring Team and the parties regarding the First Draft of the 2016 Crisis Intervention Work Plan that the MHRAC submitted. The following items were discussed:

**Mental Health Response Team Section:**

- Cleveland Division of Police indicated that the Mental Health Response Team was developed before the Consent Decree was signed and should not be included in the Work Plan.
- The Mental Health Response Team was established through a federal grant process that started well before the Settlement Agreement.
- The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County testified before Cleveland City Council that Mental Health Response Team would be established notwithstanding the Settlement Agreement.
- Agreement was reached with all present that the Mental Health Response Team would not be included in the MHRAC Work Plan.

**Policy Section:**

- There was discussion about the timeframe and deadline for submission of the crisis policies to the parties. Discussion included keeping the deadline the same or extending the deadline to May 9, 2016, so that the policy could be vetted and approved for submission by the MHRAC to the Monitoring Team and the parties. It was decided to extend the submission deadline from April 29 to May 9, 2016.
- The Policy Committee would continue to gather feedback as needed from the public survey and would incorporate additional comments gathered through development of the second draft.
- MHRAC members will get a draft of the policy for the May 9 meeting to review and provide feedback.

**Training Section:**

- The 8-hour training on Responding to Individuals in Crisis for all CDP Officers was discussed. Timelines identified will remain in place.
- The 40- hour Specialized Crisis Intervention Training was discussed and internal timelines for the development of the training were changed.
- The Monitoring Team's suggestion to have the Cleveland Division of police provide the names, experience, performance histories and assessment of officers designated for the Specialized CIT Team to the Monitoring Team and the DOJ to identify objections to the list was discussed and not accepted.
- In addition, the related action step of CDP recruiting/selecting officers for the Specialized CIT Team was removed from the first Draft of the plan that was previously submitted. The MHRAC felt that this topic is beyond the scope of its duties and could be better addressed through other areas of the Settlement Agreement.
- Dispatch training was discussed. Committee will review the current training and offer revisions as needed. The timeline was revised.

**Data Section:**

- CIT stat sheet was discussed. CPD IT staff are trying to figure out how to merge the Incident Report with the CIT Stat sheet.
- It was suggested to utilize the new CIT stat sheet in the paper format.
- The Stat sheet was previously shared with the MHRAC.
- The CIT State Sheet will be provided to the Monitoring Team and the parties for review and feedback.

**Decision:**

- The group approved the Final Proposed Draft of the Crisis Intervention Work Plan – with edits as discussed – to be submitted to the Monitoring Team and the parties.