

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Monday, March 11, 2019
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

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

Committee Members: **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS Board; **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; **Rania Issa**, Cleveland Division of Police; **Rick Oliver**, Frontline Services; **Ellen Riehm**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Samantha Reid**, The Centers; **Beth DeJesus-Zietlow**, ADAMHS Board

MHRAC Member on the Phone: Dr. Randy Dupont; Dr. Rick Cirillo; Charles See; Heather Tonsing-Volosin; Christina Kalnicki and Kathleen Stoll

Review and Acceptance of the January 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

SAMSHA Jail Diversion Grant: Five year grant from SAMSHA. Purpose of the grant to be reduce the number of mentally ill in crisis taken to jail and provided with the least restrictive community alternatives. This grant will focus on crisis interventions with CIT Officers in the First and Second District. During their interventions, CIT officers can consider diversion to the Crisis Stabilization Unit operated by Frontline Services. The fifteen bed unit is voluntary and offers up to a seven day stay for mentally ill residents in crisis. Officers can offer this alternative instead of jail. Frontline Services is the mental health provider and will employ one case manager and three peer support workers who will provide wrap around support and follow up to those in crisis. Captain Purcell went to each roll call at the First and Second District to talk about the Pilot Project and also provided written information. Captain Purcell also talked with officers about the target population and the method of referral. The pilot project will be accepting referrals on March 25th.

Sub-committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement: Kearney**

Captain Purcell and Carole Ballard presented an update on MHRAC as part of the Cuyahoga County Social Work Conference on March 8th. There were about 30 people in their session. Most of the participants were students from Cleveland State. Lots of dialogue and questions about working with police, community resources and the role of MHRAC. Participants also talked about the interest in developing an app for behavioral health services. Cleveland State developed an app on how to navigate services for the opioid population. There was brief discussion regarding the update on the Community Resource Cards. CDP officers provided input on the utilization of the cards. Committee will be discussing next steps. Community police forum is scheduled for March 27th at the Harvard Community Center. This is an opportunity for community residents to meet and talk with police officers in their community.

- **Diversion: Kalnicki**

Diversion committee chair participated in a meeting with the Community Engagement Committee. There are some overlapping discussions like the community resource cards. Diversion committee talked about exploring interventions before police are involved by focusing in on calls to Dispatch. Committee will review the Dispatch Policy and look for opportunities for Dispatch to divert calls from police to the Mobile Crisis Team. This is similar to a service model in Cahoots, Oregon. More discussion is needed. Diversion committee also talked about the need to educate the community about the use of 911. Community Engagement committee developed a power point with the assistance of the ADAMHS Board. Training Unit of the

ADAMHS Board is recommending dissemination through our current network of providers like the Contracted Adult Care Facilities, Adult Consumer Advisory Coalition and Behavioral Health Supervisors meeting.

- **Quality Improvement: All**

Group discussion recognizing the contributions from Gabriella Celeste and Judge Hollie Gallagher who will be stepping down from the QI Committee.

Review of the stated goals for the QI Committee:

To develop a mechanism to evaluate the implementation of the CIT Response Policy implemented in 2018 including what data is needed; what other tools could help determine its effectiveness; what are the core elements of the policy that should be reviewed, etc.

To develop a dialogue with existing committees within the behavioral health system which intersect with the police, including the monthly Emergency Providers Committee.

To review and analyze data from the CIT stat sheets and individual cases, along with developing an ongoing mechanism to gather data directly from the Cleveland Division of Police, to be used to make improvements to both the Cleveland Division of Police and the behavioral health system.

Scott solicited feedback from members regarding identifying a new Chair and Co-Chair for the QI Committee. Rania provided an update on the CDP data system. Working on a newly revised data system in order to pull out data for review. No start date at this time for total electronic implementation. Curtis stated that the new QI Committee discussion regarding data is March 21st.

- **Training: Jerse**

Working on finalizing the materials needed for the Specialized 40 Hour CIT Training. ADAMHS Board created an external link in which committee members could review the training materials by topic and days. ADAMHS Board in collaboration with Dr. Dupont and others are making edits to the materials.

Training materials for Dispatch have been submitted. No updates.

Training materials are being developed for the Four Hour in Service Training. More information to follow. The Dispatch and In Service Training are scheduled to begin in July.

2019 MHRAC Work Plan Discussion: Osiecki

- Scott indicated that he sent the MHRAC Work Plan to all members. Soliciting feedback on the targeted areas for work during 2019. Encouraged members to submit their responses in writing. Will incorporate updates on the SAMSHA Jail Diversion Project and the Juvenile Intervention Center.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 20, 2019. Meeting date was adjusted due to the ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.