

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, May 20, 2019

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

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

Committee Members: **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS Board; **Dr. Rick Cirillo**, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities; **Curtis Couch**, ADAMHS Board; **Michael Evanovich**, Department of Justice; **Rev. Ben Gohlstein**, ADAMHS Board of Directors; **Yolanda Gordon**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Larry Heller**, Cleveland State University; **Vince Holland**, Cuyahoga County Community College; **Christina Kalnicki**, Care Source; **Karen Kearny**, MHAC; **Shannon Jerse**, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center; **Chris Mignogna**, NAMI Greater Cleveland; **Rosie Palfy**, Advocate; **Samantha Reid**, The Centers; **Carolyn Sweda**, Beechbrook; **Beth DeJesus-Zietlow**, ADAMHS Board

MHRAC Member on the Phone: Dr. Randy Dupont; Rania Issa; Heather Tonsing-Volosin and Kathleen Stoll

Guest: Sybil Harris

Review and Acceptance of the May 20, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Updates

- **Cleveland Police Commission Presentation**

MHRAC was invited to be a presenter at the upcoming Cleveland Police Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Harvard Community Center. MHRAC Chairs-Scott Osiecki, Ed Eckart and Captain Purcell will provide an overview of MHRAC and its work products to the community. All were invited to attend.

- **MHRAC Work Plan Update**

Brief discussion. Plan was disseminated to MHRAC members for review and comment. Plan does not require approval from DOJ. Plan provides outline what MHRAC will be working on in 2019.

Sub-committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement: Kearney**

Committee will be looking at any possible changes to the community resource cards for the officers. Have discussed posting information via social media about MHRAC activities. Committee wants to work with CDP in collaboration with social media postings.

- **Diversion: Kalnicki**

Committee decided to continue to meet monthly. Will alternate between telephone conference meetings and face to face. Committee in discussion with looking at the role of dispatch when making decisions about when and how police may be involved. Want to also look at pre and post arrest related programs as a mechanism to get involved at a different level in the community. Continued discussion regarding the use of Crisis Centers in other communities and its role in our community. Discussion regarding the current CIT PLUS pilot project with the CDP and Frontline Services. CIT officers in the 1st and 2nd District can begin to utilize the Crisis Stabilization Unit operated by Frontline Service as an alternative to the emergency room. This is a pilot project for high utilizers in our system. Project will employ a case manager along with peer support workers from Frontline Services.

Representatives from Cuyahoga County continue to explore concepts related to Jail Diversion like the development of a single drop off point in the community. These are ongoing discussions with representatives from criminal justice, behavioral health and a broad array of stakeholders from the community. The committee has discussed the need to gather a variety of input from the community. There has also been discussion about the role of the faith-based community as it relates to diversion. Lots of ideas in discussion and everyone wants to ensure success in the community.

- **Training-Jerse/Purcell**

- **Update on the 40 Hour Specialized CIT Training**

- Committee has been very active. Near ready for submission to the City and Judge following the recent MHRAC approval. ADAMHS Board created external link to review and edit the documents which has made the process easier to navigate. Still have some challenges in reviewing the data submitted and tracking changes. Continued edits are needed but the products are improving. No dates have been scheduled for the first 40 Hour Specialized CIT training.

- **Update on the 4 Hour in Service Training**

- Through the assistance of Gabriella Celeste, the training committee is working with Lisa Thureau, the Executive Director of Strategies for Youth on the in service training entitled, "Recognizing and Responding Effectively to Traumatized Youth." This is a 4 hour training due to CDP's continued aggressive training scheduled for officers. The committee is in review of the materials being submitted by Lisa Thureau. Captain Purcell is developing the material associated with the Legal Update. This material will provide a brief overview of the CIT Stat Sheet, the Emergency Certificate i.e. Pink Slip and any additional messaging for all police officers. CDP in service training is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 8th. The ADAMHS Board will solicit trainers from the child serving behavioral health community as trainers. There will be a train the trainer session scheduled with Lisa Thureau in the near future. More information to follow.

- **Update on Dispatch Training:**

- Training committee will begin to review and discuss Dispatch Training. The ADAMHS Board has been providing the training since 2015. Dispatch has its own internal training for its staff as well. More information to follow.

- **Training Discussion:**

- Concern expressed regarding how training needs, committee, meetings and decisions are being made. All training committee members are not being invited to the meetings. Unclear why this is the second year in a row in which the in service training is four hours instead of eight hours. Discussion regarding how the training topic was selected-Traumatized Youth when there is consistent concern in the community regarding escalating rates of suicide thoughts and attempts by youth in our community. Lots of discussion regarding committee members having more input along the process. Due to the emerging deadlines and work products needed, some decisions like 4 hour training vs 8 hour training, have been made by those outside of MHRAC. Training committee work products are on the external links developed by the ADAMHS Board. On many occasions there may not be time for face to face meetings so telephone conferencing has been utilized. Training committee will continue to make efforts to be inclusive and transparent to all.

Future MHRAC Topics for Exploration:

The suggestions are: Discussion regarding “Duty to Warn” and when to call police regarding these issues. Further discussion on increase in suicide attempts and suicide prevention in our community. Need to discuss with the public ways to get treatment and support from the treatment community.

Old Business:

ADAMHS Board developed certificates of appreciation to Judge Hollie Gallagher and Gabriella Celeste for their work with MHRAC.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 8, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.