

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

Present: Co-Chairs: William M. Denihan & Captain James Purcell

Committee Members: **Carole Ballard**, ADAMHS Board; **Richard Cirillo**, PhD, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities; **Gabriella Celeste**, Case Western Reserve University; **Rosemary Creeden**, FrontLine; **Mike Evanovich**, Department of Justice; **John Garrity**, ADAMHS Board; **Rev. Benjamin Goholstin**, ADAMHS Board of Directors; **Yolanda Gordon**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Larry Heller**, Cleveland State University; **Shannon Jerse**, St. Vincent Charity Hospital; **Derek Moore**, Cleveland Municipal Court; **Judy Peters**, Community Advocate; **Scott Osiecki**, ADAMHS Board; **Carolyn Szweda**, Cleveland VA Center; **Heather Tonsing Volosin**, Department of Justice; **Mike Woody**, CIT International.

Guests:

- Samantha Reid**, Community Advocate
- Rico Dancy**, Community Advocate
- Christina Kalnicki**, CareSource
- Veronica Berkley**, Community Advocate
- Barbara Ellis**, Community Advocate

MHRAC Members on the Telephone:

- Vincent Holland**, Concerned Advocate
- Rosie Palfy**, Concerned Citizen and Advocate
- Kathleen Stoll**, Community Advocate
- Dr. Leslie Kobolenz**, Cuyahoga County Corrections Center

Mr. Denihan opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Rev. Goholstin lead the committee through the review of the January 9, 2017 meeting summary. Following correction was noted: Rico Dancy was not included in the meeting attendance. MHRAC approved the minutes with the correction.

MHRAC 2016 Annual Report: Scott Osiecki

Hard copy was provided to the MHRAC members. Report was submitted to the City of Cleveland. Judy Peters indicated that the report was well done. Scott thanked the chairs from the sub-committees for their reports.

CIT Policies Update: Heather Tonsing Volosin

CIT Policies were filed through the court in January. Judge to rule shortly. Monitoring team in addition to the City of Cleveland representatives met in person with the Judge for a status conference. Judge is aware of the efforts being made by all parties. Heather will update MHRAC when the CIT Policies are approved.

Training Committee: Rick Cirillo, Ph.D.

Continuing to work on the eight-hour training. Committee is finalizing edits to the different components of the eight-hour training and is in the process of reviewing comments from Training Sub-committee members. Training with the final edits will be disseminated to MHRAC members.

Diversion Committee: No Updates

Community Engagement Committee: No Updates

Data Committee: No Updates

2017 Crisis Intervention Work Plan Update: Heather Tonsing Volosin

A Draft of the Settlement Agreement 2nd Year Monitoring Plan is in review with the City of Cleveland and the Monitors. Once finalized, the Monitoring Plan will be shared with the MHRAC, so that the 2017 Crisis Intervention Work Plan can be developed. She also mentioned that the MHRAC needs to be thinking about other ways to assist the police.

Brainstorming Session: All

- Look at the continuum of care throughout the mental health system
- Look at follow up with people who are in need of treatment
- Look at opportunities to close gaps within the system of care
- Change how we look at our system
- Look at the funding of the mental health system
- Concern regarding wellness of police officers
- Expanding training of police related to secondary trauma
- Enhanced visibility of CIT officers
- Implementation of narcan in crisis when needed
- Expand the Co-Responder Team Project in other districts
- Provide community education about crisis and working with police
- Train the community on assisting with crisis events
- Community ministry advocates want to work with police on addressing crisis in their communities
- Extend the continuum of care to include grassroots organizations
- Mental Health First Aid Training to the community

New Business:

Issue raised regarding interpreter services for dealing with the deaf population during a crisis in the community. CDP utilizes interpreter services when needed. CDP does have a few officers who know sign language. Suggestion to invite a staff member from Connections who has a program to address the needs of the deaf mentally ill population.

Meeting was ended at 10:35.