

**Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 10, 2017**  
**ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

**Present: Co Chairs: William Denihan, CEO; Captain James Purcell, Cleveland Division of Police**

**Committee Members: Carole Ballard, ADAMHS Board; Gabriella Celeste, Case Western Reserve University; Mike Evanovich, Department of Justice; Dr. John Garrity, ADAMHS Board; Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin, ADAMHS Board of Directors; Larry Heller, Greater Cleveland Congregations; Shannon Jerse, Saint Vincent Charity Hospital; Pythias D. Jones, ADAMHS Board of Directors; Derek Moore, Cleveland Municipal Court; Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill, Cleveland Division of Police; Scott Osiecki, ADAMHS Board; Judy Peters, advocate; Heather Tonsing Volosin, Department of Justice; Ellen Riehm, NAMI of Greater Cleveland; Kathleen Stoll, advocate; Myron Stoll, advocate; Carolyn Sweden, Cleveland VA; Judge Greg White, City of Cleveland.**

**Members on the telephone: Dr. Randy Dupont, Monitor**

**Cleveland Police Commission: Dr. Kathleen Clegg, University Hospitals**

**Guests: Samantha Reed, Community Advocate**

Chief Denihan opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. The MHRAC members reviewed and approved the minutes from March 13, 2017.

**Training:**

Update on the training. Monitors will be making final comments on the Eight Hour In Service Training. Training will be coordinated with the upcoming Use of Force Training. Use of Force training will be offered twice a week and the officers will attend the Eight Hour training once a week. Therefore, the officers who attend the Use of Force training will be the same officers to participate in the Eight Hour In Service training. All training will be held at CDP headquarters. No confirmed start dates for the Eight Hour In Service as of yet. Meeting is being planned to meet with the mental health providers who volunteered to deliver the mental health portion of the Eight Hour training. Resumes for the volunteers from the providers will be sent to Heather. About 1400 officers will be trained on Use of Force and the Eight Hour In Service training.

Chief Denihan raised the concern about the need to incorporate substance abuse in the Eight Hour training. The Eight Hour training will include the following: Two hours of Mental Health; Command and Control; One Hour of Communication and Active Listening and CIT Program and CIT Response Policies and Procedures. It was agreed that a slide and or handout would be made available to the officers. Other in service topics will be developed for the future.

**Second Year Monitoring Plan:**

Working towards approval on the Eight Hour In Service Training. Issues will be resolved soon. Captain Purcell is working on the deployment plan for CIT Specialized Officers. Monitors are recommending that the MHRAC committee focus on developing a plan for 2017. CIT training, deployment plan, etc is already

identified in the Monitoring Plan. MHRAC will need to focus on their agenda ie the community mental health system, linkages, etc. MHRAC will need to look at the systemic issues and develop strategies to address the challenges. Continued discussion on the direction for the MHRAC work plan. MHRAC plan does not have to be submitted to the court. As a committee we need to focus on next steps-current committees? Future committees? Challenges? Opportunities? We need to meet and brainstorm as a group. Dr. Dupont indicated that the monitors are available as needed but this is our work product. Motion: Recommend MHRAC have a Retreat for the purpose of developing an Action Plan for 2017. Motion approved.

**Open Discussion: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:35**