

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, March 9, 2020

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

Present: Co-Chairs: Scott Osiecki, ADAMHS Board; Captain James McPike, Cleveland Division of Police and Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill, Cleveland Division of Police

Committee Members: Carole Ballard, ADAMHS Board; Gabriella Celeste, Case Western Reserve University; Dr. Rick Cirillo, Board of Developmental Disabilities; Curtis Couch, ADAMHS Board; Michael Evanovich, Department of Justice; Beth Zeitlow-DeJesus, ADAMHS Board; Rania Issa, City of Cleveland; Shannon Jerse, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center; Karen Kearny, MACC; Christina Kalnicki, Care Source; Sgt. Bridgett Dorr-Guiser, Cleveland Division of Police; Samantha Holmes, Recovery Resources; Vince Holland, Cuyahoga County Community College; Rick Oliver, Frontline Services; Rosie Palfy, Community Advocate; Carolyn Szweda, Beechbrook; Charles See, Cleveland Monitoring Team, Rodney Thomas, Case Western Reserve University; Dr. Megan Testa, Cleveland Police Commission; Christopher Viland, Cleveland Inspector General, City of Cleveland; Madison Greenspan, ADAMHS Board and Thomas Williams, ADAMHS Board and Heather Tonsing-Volosin, Department of Justice.

MHRAC Member on the Phone: Dr. Randy Dupont, Cleveland Monitoring Team; Sue Neth, Frontline Services and Ruth Simera, NEOMED and Commissioner Nicole Carlton, Cleveland EMS

Guest: Jason Goodrich, Cleveland Police Commission

Scott Osiecki opened the meeting at 9:07 am. Introduction of Captain James McPike as the new CIT Coordinator along with Sgt. Bridgett Dorr Guiser as the CIT Liaison.

Review and Acceptance of the January 13, 2020 Meeting Summary:

The MHRAC members reviewed the meeting summary. Meeting summary was not accepted due to incomplete information. ADAMHS Board will review and edit the summary and bring back to the May meeting for approval.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement: DeJesus/Kearney**

Community resource cards will be posted through the MDT system with the CDP. This will make the cards more readily accessible for the officers. Discussion in the committee regarding developing CIT brochures to be distributed to the committee.

Examples for various brochures were reviewed by the committee. Committee also talked about updating the Community Street Card that is a product of another county office. Question regarding the need for the development of a new card when the street card already exists.

Committee is working on annual survey to the community regarding officer contact with the behavioral health community.

Committee continues to discuss information that will be posted on social media regarding CIT activity along with greater collaboration with the Cleveland Police Commission.

- **Diversion: Oliver/Kalnicki**

Committee has had some scheduling difficulty in the last few months. Committee will meet on 3/18/2020. Update on the CIT PLUS Project. Project was presented throughout CDP In Service Training in order to inform officers about the Project. Continued slow referrals with an average of one referral per week.

Brief discussion regarding the status of the BJA Co Responder Project with the City of Cleveland. Group has been in contact with the Co Responder Team in Columbus. Group has also been in discussion regarding how the project will operate among the districts. CDP is in the process of selecting CIT officers for the project. Tentative

date for implementation of the project is April. Frontline Services and Murtis Taylor are the community providers assigned to the project. Co Responder team will provide follow up on CIT related calls and connect with high utilizers of service. There will be three teams-1st/2nd District; 3rd District and 4th/5th District.

Diversion Committee expanded its membership to include a representative from Juvenile Court and the Greater Cleveland Congregation. Committee wants to gather input from the juvenile system regarding coordination with CIT officers.

Committee discussed updates regarding the county diversion center project. County has a designated committee of representatives from a variety of stakeholders. The ADAMHS Board is a member of the committee. The diversion center discussions are ongoing with an emphasis on serving the countywide system and not specific to MHRAC.

- **Training Jerse/McPike**

Specialized 40 Hour CIT training is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 20th. About 18 to 20 officers are anticipated to be in the first training group. Vetting process for the selection of officers is currently ongoing. There are a variety of officers who are interested with assignments currently at the airport, detectives and community policing. Through the vetting process officers will be interviewed, records reviewed regarding discipline issues, contact with the behavioral community and use of force. Discussion raised regarding outside guests to the training. Further discussion is needed regarding this issue.

Autism training has been postponed until April 20th due to issues related to overtime. Committee continues to work ongoing in order to develop the lesson plan and instructor's manual. Board of Developmental Disabilities has facilitated the development of the training materials. Training will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays with selected DD staff members.

Discussion regarding the process for gathering feedback on topics for CDP in service training for 2021. A survey will be sent to officers. Discussion regarding the results from the survey of officer training preferences from 2018 will be reviewed. Also, committee is looking at training topics based upon incidents documented via CIT stat sheets. More updates will follow.

- **Quality Improvement Committee-ONEILL/Issa**

Committee has reviewed and discussed the feedback regarding updates to the CIT Policy Definition. Committee was provided data via Brazos data collection regarding CIT top locations for 2019. Informed was passed out to the committee. Examples include Norma Herr's Women's Shelter-2.1% and the Men's Shelter-2.0%. Discussion regarding why officers are being called. Is this a training issue? Dispositions?

Committee also discussed a review of "nature of the call" for 2019. Suicide related calls-26%; Mental male violent-15%; nonviolent mental health-12%. More discussion is needed regarding why officers are called and disposition. Committee will also be looking at who the people are and their needs.

Committee discussed suggested changes to the CIT stat sheet. Members are submitting their suggestions to the committee.

Next Meeting:
Monday, May 11, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.