

## REVISED Mental Health Response Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, July 13, 2020

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County

Meeting Conducted via ADAMHS Board Zoom Platform

**Present: Co-Chairs: Scott Osiecki, ADAMHS Board and Captain James McPike, 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; Dr. Randy Dupont, Cleveland Monitoring Team; Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, ADAMHS Board; Yolanda Gordon, Cleveland Municipal Court; Larry Heller, NORA; Rania Issa, City of Cleveland; Shannon Jerse, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center; Karen Kearny, MHACC; Sgt. Bridgett Dorr-Guiser, Cleveland Division of Police; Larry Heller, N.O.R.A. ;Samantha Holmes, Recovery Resources; Rick Oliver, Frontline Services; Carolyn Szweda, Beechbrook; Rodney Thomas, Case Western Reserve University; Dr. Megan Testa, Cleveland Police Commission; Kathleen Stoll, Community Advocate; Megan Rockford, NAMI Greater Cleveland; Rosie Palfy, Community Advocate; Christopher Viland, Cleveland Inspector General, City of Cleveland; Madison Greenspan, ADAMHS Board and Heather Tonsing-Volosin, Department of Justice.

Scott Osiecki opened the meeting at 9:04 am.

### Review and Acceptance of the May 11, 2020 Meeting Summary:

The MHRAC members reviewed and approved May 11, 2020 meeting summary.

### Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement: DeJesus/Kearney**

CIT draft brochure is nearing completion. Captain McPike provided stock photos for the brochure. **One modification to the brochure is to add “Cleveland Police” to the brochure.** Brochure will be available for distribution at community events. NAMI identified community participants to provide testimonials on working with CIT officers.

Committee is in the process of planning, “Coffee with a Cop”. This will be a zoom platform event in which the community will have an opportunity to talk with a CIT officer.

- **Diversion: McPike**

CIT PLUS update: This is a SAMSHA grant secured by the ADAMHS Board. Primary agency is Frontline Services. Referrals from law enforcement continue to be slow. Officers encounter people who may not fit the criteria for admission to the facility. Also, some people are refusing to go. Continue emphasis on making this resource available. People who have gone have been linked to services with follow up in the community. There have been some restrictions to access to the facility due to COVID 19. This is a change in the referral process for the crisis stabilization unit by allowing police to refer. Most referrals to the facility are from the local hospitals, agencies and walk ins. Continued outreach to police districts on this resource. This project will be reviewed and discussed again with officers in the upcoming LERMS online training this summer. **Suggestion made to get the word out to officers regarding the use of the facility.**

CIT Co Responder update: This is a grant secured by the City of Cleveland from the Bureau of Justice Affairs. ADAMHS Board will be providing additional funding to the project in order to secure coverage of all five districts. Frontline Services has hired two crisis specialists for the team. They will need to hire one additional person. Murtis Taylor has over 23 people interested in the program-interviews are pending. Captain McPike will be posting the Divisional Notice to identify six CIT officers for this assignment. Each crisis specialist will be assigned a CIT officer and district. Frontline Services will work with Districts 1, 2 and 3. Murtis Taylor will work with Districts 4 and 5. There will be a lead officer for program coordination. Captain McPike is working on the draft for the operational manual. Frontline and Murtis Taylor are reviewing the manual and adding their feedback. Sgt. Dorr Guiser is working on the training modules for the team. Project is to begin in late September.

Diversion Center: ADAMHS Board submitted a response to the RFP issued by the county. ADAMHS Board is working with a variety of stakeholder agencies on the project. County is scheduling interviews with respective bidders to the project. This is a diversion center in which police throughout the county would divert suspected mentally ill persons from jail to the center for assessment, referral and linkage to the community. This is a prearrest facility and not subject to community drop offs.

- **Training Jerse/McPike**

The 40-hour specialized CiT training was cancelled for the month of March due to COVID 19. The next training date is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> pending monitoring of COVID 19. Captain McPike developed a draft safety plan for presenters and participants. Participants are concerned with safety issues. Some of the training may be held virtually as a result. The training is tentatively scheduled for up to 18 people at the Third District police station. Social distancing is a huge challenge for any type of live training. No determination has been set for how many trainings will be offered every year. Goal is to get at least one training for 2020. **Question was raised regarding how many years it would take to train all of the specialized CIT officers in order to be in compliance with the DOJ.**

Autism in Service Training has been postponed until 2021. Some discussion regarding doing this training virtually but the training committee agreed to postpone the training. In its place, CDP will offer an online training on the following topics: CIT PLUS; CIT Co Responder Team, Brazos online reporting and the Emergency Certificate. This training is slated to begin this summer.

- **Quality Improvement Committee-McPike/Issa**

QI Committee has been meeting every month. Dr. Issa has provided a monthly update on data entered through LERMS and Brazos from the CIT stat sheets. The data provided continues to identify information on the nature of CIT calls, location, repeat calls and challenges. Committee has begun to look at specific addresses like homeless shelters in which officers are often called for service. CDP is also reviewing the completeness of the data being provided. Representatives from the homeless shelters will be invited to the meeting. Majority of the data collected continues to represent when officers are transporting people to the emergency rooms.

Committee has been in discussion about the results from the Officer survey administered this spring. Over 1,000 officers responded. Committee will need to review and discuss the data results in order to learn about officer's perceptions about services, CIT policies and procedures, etc.

Committee is also in the process of gathering feedback on the CIT policies in order to determine what suggested edits are necessary.

### **Racism as a Public Health Crisis: Osiecki**

Across the country, there has been an acknowledgement about viewing racism as a public health crisis. The ADAMHS Board along with other organizations across the county and state, have issued statements about addressing racism in their communities. The ADAMHS Board is proposing to develop a committee to discuss and brainstorm how to address these issues within the behavioral health community. It is believed that the MHRAC is in a unique position to be a part of this charge in order to improve the quality and access to services to all persons in need of services. This sub committee will be looking at issues specific to minority communities. For those interested in joining this subcommittee, please contact Scott and or Carole.

**Cleveland Police Commission Update: DOJ Status Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2020. Charles See will send the link.**

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.**