

Chicago Council for Mental Health Equity

Date: May 12, 2025 Time: 2:00 PM

Address: 121 N Lasalle St. Chicago, IL Room Number: 1103

Attendance Called at: 2:10 PM Quorum: Yes

Name:	Agency:	Present at attendance call:		Arrived after attendance call: (include time)
		Yes	No	
Jessica Gingold	Equip for Equality	X		
Dan Fulweiler	Esperanza Health Center		X	
Dr. Colleen Cicchetti	Lurie Children's Hospital	X		
Dr. Eddie Markul	Region 11 Medical Services	X		
Dr. Mirna Ballestas	Private practice	X		
Dr. Sharon Coleman	IDHS - DMH		X	
Emily Cole	Cook County State's Attorney	X		
Jim Poole	NAMI Chicago	X		
Esther Sciammarella	Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition	X		
Harold Pollack	Uchicago Urban Health Lab	X		
Jac Charlier	TASC	X		
Michelle Langlois	Veterans Administration	X		
Patrick Dombrowski	C4	X		
Peggy Flaherty	Thresholds	X		
Sandra Rigsbee	Community Renewal Society	X		
Susan Doig	Trilogy	X		
Sharlyn Grace	Office of the Public Defender			

I. Welcome, Attendance

a. Attendance Called

- b. **Quorum is met**
- II. Approval of Minutes from the last three meetings.
 - a. February 26, 2024 meeting minutes- **Approved**
 - b. June 27, 2024 meeting minutes – **Approved**
 - c. September 23, 2024 meeting minutes- **Approved**
 - d. November 4, 2024 meeting minutes – **Approved**
 - e. February 10, 2025, meeting minutes- **Approved**
- III. Introduced new Co-Chairs and Sub-committee Chairs
 - a. First Deputy Jason Sanford replacing Deputy Mayor Gatewood as co chair for committee
 - b. Madeline Pattis and Christina Williams are chairs for the behavioral health sub committee
- IV. **Public Comment**
 - a. *No public comment(s) made.*
- V. Administrative Updates
 - a. Justin Edge presented on OMA.
 - i. Explained the difference between FOI and OMA
 - ii. Going into the logistics and the workings of the OMA
- VI. OEMC Presentation
 - a. Dr. Chenetra Washington, deputy directory- 911 operations gave a presentation on smart 911
 - b. Went over the 5 W's of making a 911 call: Where, What, Who, When, Weapons
 - c. Smart 911 is a free app that allows you to create a custom 911 safety profile for you and your families, residents can include as little or as much information as needed
 - d. The profile will be shown to 911 call takers only when you call 911; relevant information will be shared with first responders
- VII. CPD Policy Review
 - i. Sargent Sanchez of CPD crisis intervention unit gave the presentation on CPD policy review
 - 1. Replacement of “designated” with “Certified” CIT officer
 - 2. Update language for bond procedures related to SAFE-T Act
 - 3. Remove language related to CPD and CFD involvement in the CARE Program
 - 4. Verify service provider information is accurate
 - ii. Policy goes into the skills and outlines what department members in recognizing signs and symptoms of mental health conditions, Fire arms owner identification information, Immunity provision,
 - iii. For tracking purposes, each mental health incident gets a code and sending out mental health information notice
 - iv. Question raised about the time that services are available, emphasized the need of services that are available outside of working hours

- b. #S04-20 "Recognizing and Responding to Individuals in Crisis"
- c. #S04-20-05 "Persons Under Arrest in Need of Mental Health Treatment"
 - i.

VIII. CDPH Presentation

- a. Spoke on the summer rise of overdoses and instances of violence
- b. Going over city response to overdoses, instances of violence and mental health issues
- c. Went over the opioid related overdoses per month over January 2023 to April 2025
 - i. Did the same thing for all cause homicides and non fatal shootings by month, outlining the similar drops for 2025
- d. Spoke about the spike of violence that occurs overnight on the weekends
 - i. Midnight to 2am Saturday to Sunday are peak times
- e. Key activation areas
 - i. Planning
 - 1. OD surveillance,
 - 2. TOX surveillance,
 - 3. violent incident monitoring/hotspots
 - 4. Violent incident risk assessment
 - ii. Operations section
 - 1. Drug checking/ OEND
 - 2. Street outreach/ Operation SOS
 - 3. Encampment
 - 4. ED MOUD/ Bridge
 - 5. Summer Festivals
 - iii. Operations section- OPV
 - 1. CVI
 - 2. HBVI
 - 3. Safe space activation
 - 4. Victim Services/ relocation
 - 5. Post-incident response & Comms
 - iv. Logistics Section
 - 1. Kit Building
 - 2. Inventory
 - 3. Distribution
 - v. Communication
 - vi. Interagency affairs
- f. Mental health
 - i. Closing gaps for Black and nonblack life expectancy disparity
 - ii. Disparities in hospitalization that exists (particularly between the northside/ loop and Austin)
- g. Care
 - i. Care is in 7 districts with 1 city wide team

- ii. 10:30am to 4pm hours
- iii. Majority of the responses for CARE have been self dispatch
- iv. CARE responses by outcomes (total responses to date- 333)
 - 1. Care services- 66
 - 2. Care services + transfer- 14
 - 3. Care services + Transport- 69
 - 4. No contact with individual in crisis- 117
 - 5. Outreach- 5
 - 6. Refused services- 22
 - 7. Refused services + Transport- 5
 - 8. Resolved by other unit- 5
- v. Care in the encampments
 - 1. distributed 159 harm reduction kits
- vi.