



Chicago Council on Mental Health Equity (CCMHE)

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 25th, 2021

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3032424110?pwd=QjNyZHpaSDNaZ3FsN3dSMWxrZlFKZz09>

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- I. Welcome and Attendance – members in attendance are shaded gray.

The vote column includes how the member voted on the motion to delay the vote and engage in a more detailed and prolonged discussion about the recommendations.

Name	Agency	Vote
Ald. James Cappleman	46th Ward Alderman	
Ald. Roderick Sawyer / Belinda Cadiz	6th Ward Alderman	Yes
Alexa James	NAMI Chicago	Yes
Alisha Warren	CDPH	
Amy Spellman	Uchicago Urban/Crime Lab	
Belinda Stiles	Christian Community Health Center	
Brian Bragg	Frye Foundation	Abstain
Carolyn Vessel	I AM ABLE	
Chief Mary Sheridan	CFD	
Deputy Chief Antoinette Ursitti	CPD	No
Dan Fulwiler	Esperanza	
Darci Flynn	Mayor's Office (Recovery Task Force)	
Denise Fuentes	HHC	Yes

Dionne Tate	OEMC	
Donald Tyler	Chicago CRED	
Dr. Colleen Cicchetti	Lurie Children's Hospital	Yes
Dr. Diane Washington	Cook County Health and Hospital System	
Dr. Donell Barnett	City Colleges of Chicago	
Dr. Eddie Markul	Region IX Medical Services	
Dr. Inger Burnett-Zeigler	Northwestern Hospital	
Dr. Ken Fox	CPS	
Dr. Manoj Patel	LSSI	
Dr. Mirna Ballestas	Private practice	Yes
Dr. Rashad Saafir	Bobby Wright Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center	Yes
Dr. Sharon Coleman	IDHS - DMH	Yes
Dr. Shastri Swaminathan	Retired Advocate IL Masonic Hospital	No
Dr. Wilnise Jasmin	CDPH	Yes
Eddie Borrayo	Rincon	
Emily Cole	Cook County State's Attorney	Yes
Emily Neal	Mercy Home	
Emmanuel Ares	CPD - CIT Community Coordinator	Yes
Eric Cowgill	NAMI Chicago	No
Eric Lenzo	Sinai Health Systems	
Esther Corpuz	Alivio	
Esther Sciammarella	Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition	
Felix Rodriguez	IDMH	
Fred Friedman	self	
Gabriela Zapata-Alma	National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health	
Harold Pollack	Uchicago Urban/Crime Lab	Abstain
Hellen Antonopoulos	CPS	
Jac Charlier	TASC	Yes
James Burns	The Kennedy Forum	Yes
Jamie Kach	Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	
Jessica Estrada	Communities United	Yes
Joanne Farrell	CFD	Yes
Joel Rubin	NASW	Yes

Kelsey Burgess	Equip for Equality	Yes
Lisa Hampton	DFSS	
Lisa Simons	Lurie Children's Hospital	
Lori Roper	Cook County Public Defender	
Marc Buslik	Retired, CPD Commander	
Marco Jacome	HAS	
Mark Ishaug	Thresholds	
Matt Davison	IL Guardianship & Advocacy	
Matt Richards	CDPH	Abstain
Michelle Langlois	Veterans Administration	
Mike Milstein	CPD	
Nick Roti	HIDTA	
Cesaro Patras-Moreno	ONE Northside	Yes
Patrick Dombrowski	C4	Yes
Pastor Chris Harris	Bright Star	
Pastor Edward Davis	St John's Missionary Baptist Church	
Peggy Flaherty	Thresholds	Yes
Rasauna Riley-Brown	DFSS	Yes
Rebecca Levin	Cook County Sheriff's Office	
Richard Rowe	Next Steps and CSH	Yes
Rufus Williams	Better Boys Foundation	
Samantha Edwards	DFSS	
Sarah Yousuf / Maggie Shreve	Community Renewal Society	Yes
Stephen Brown	U of I Health and Hospitals	Yes
Susan Doig	Trilogy	
Suzanne Golab	OEMC	Yes
Veronica Trimble	IDHS	No
Veronique Baker	IL Guardianship and Advocacy	

- I. Public Comment – no public comment
- II. CPD CIT Policy Recommendations

- *Comment:*
 - Mechanisms for feedback were confusing, rushed, and hard to navigate. CCMHE bi-law procedures have not been fully followed. It would be useful if this was a conversation and not a vote.
 - A motion to delay the vote and engage in a more detailed and prolonged discussion about the recommendations.

- *Response:*
 - All these policies will be open for public comment in the near future. And all organizations will have the opportunity to respond. These bylaws are not finalized. There is not a specific procedure that has not been followed. Each subcommittee has reviewed and edited these recommendations.
- *Comment:*
 - Bylaws and procedures need to be put in place for official votes
- *Response*
 - A “Yes” vote – extending the discussion and agreeing with motion brought up above.
 - A “No” vote – agreeing to move forward with these recommendations and send them to CPD
- *Comment:*
 - Could these recommendations be edited electronically so this committee does not have to wait another quarter before a formal vote is taken
- *Response*
 - Unfortunately no, voting cannot be done electronically due to OMA
- *Comment:*
 - Some of the language being used in the current draft of the recommendations is not fully reflective of this entire Committee’s values
- *Comment:*
 - Many participating organizations are concerned about the community engagement and its accessibility
- *Response:*
 - Subcommittees will be meeting in November and will be sure to further discuss concerns around community engagement
- *Comment:*
 - Many may understand this process and how these recommendations will be presented. But there are many recommendations that come off as broad or vague.
- *Response:*
 - In the past, this body has been singularly focused on the Consent Decree. The City has made a concerted decision to broaden the view and portfolio of this committee moving forward. There are members of this body whose background is in public safety and others whose background is not in public safety. Ensuring clarity and agreement in the group on process is important. Important to ensure the perspectives of those with lived experience is incorporated in policy feedback. The City is open to thoughts.
- *Comment:*
 - Are we discussing the possibility of extending the timeline for this vote or working to ensure that these policy proposals accurately reflect everyone’s perspectives and lived experience?
- *Response:*
 - The City can extend the feedback time for 3 weeks and will work to hold a vote on November 29th. Responses will be due by end of day November 12th.

- *Comment:*
 - What is the process for determining which recommendations are included in the final version and which are not? Is there an established procedure for handling disagreement?
- *Comment:*
 - How do we ensure that CCMHE members who are unable to show up to these meetings can pass along their vote?
- *Response*
 - A proxy vote

III. CIT Coordinator Update (CPD)

- For Q3, CIT unit has trained 140 officers in CIT training
- During Q3, additional CIT officers also completed CIT refresher training
- CPD has added 4 additional districts to Narcotics Arrest Diversion program
- *Question:*
 - Is gaining access to Naloxone a challenge for CPD officers?
- *Response:*
 - CPD's overdose reversal program has provided CPD with funding to procure and issue Naloxone. Access has not been an issue thus far.
- *Question:*
 - Have to look at fentanyl strips too. We are out of time but want to bring this up as a next step on SUD OD prevention

IV. Trauma-Informed Centers of Care Program Presentation (CDPH)

- Mental Health Equity Framework Goal and Approach
- Mental Health investments
- TICC Overview
- TICC Expansion
- TICC Projects
- Measuring Trauma-informed care
- Process of becoming trauma-informed
- Measuring Integrated Care
- TICC mid-year data FY21
- Clients served by Agency type
- Preliminary Data FY21: Service Types
- Office of Mental Health Infrastructure Development
- Integrated Healthcare Services for persons experiencing homelessness
- Systems Coordination
- *Question:*

- Is there a plan to build continuity of care services for juveniles leaving the JTDC from the city following this model for adults with Thresholds?
- *Response:*
 - CDPH would be happy to continue this discussion and have also engaged with various partners already about these issues
- *Question:*
 - How does CDPH plan to handle co-occurring disorders and those with developmental disabilities?
- *Response:*
 - CDPH needs to work with providers to better serve those with developmental disabilities. City wanted to build out accessible and publicly funded mental health services. Recognizing that population (not just in terms of geography but in terms of specialized needs) would have to be focused on.
 - We want to ensure all of our partners are capable of delivering services at the intersection of developmental disabilities and other mental health issues
- *Question:*
 - What is your biggest challenge and what can this committee do to help?
- *Response:*
 - Feedback has been integral to this work. Ensuring that we collect data that can be provided without overburdening organizations, how to align CDPH mental health centers with providers. Continued engagement and feedback has been extremely helpful. Continued engagement and feedback is crucial to ensure we continue to support our target populations.
- *Question:*
 - Can you speak to the process of engaging individuals in the community?
- *Response:*
 - Community engagement is extremely important in ensuring that everyone's voices are heard throughout this process. CDPH has been working to initiate more client satisfaction surveys and more mechanisms attempting to hear client's voices and perspectives. Also focusing on how individual organizations are engaging client voice and feedback
- *Question:*
 - How would we engage individuals in this process who have a perspective/experience to share?
- *Response:*
 - This is a public body. Anyone is welcome to join these meetings and participate. CDPH meets monthly with other partners who provide community engagement in support for the CDPH Mental Health clinics. System-building work is needed.
- *Question:*
 - Are the 5 mental health clinics considered trauma-informed?
- *Response:*
 - Yes. The City wants to grow and strengthen City clinics but also grow and fund the larger mental health services system throughout the entire City

- V. Next steps and upcoming meetings:
1. Full committee – January 24th, 2022
 2. November subcommittee meetings:
 - i. MH Safety Net (Nov. 17th)
 - ii. System Coordination and Data (Nov. 18th)
 - iii. Crisis Response (Nov. 22nd)
 - iv. Deflection and Diversion (Nov. 24th)