



Chicago Council on Mental Health Equity (CCMHE) – Crisis Response Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 23rd, 2021

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3032424110?pwd=dWtiWER4WERWZ2hsekpuQWpicWIEZz09>

Meeting ID: 303 242 4110

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I. Welcome and Attendance – subcommittee members attended are shaded in gray

Co-Chair	Name	Agency
Co-chair	Dr. Eddie Markul	Region IX Medical Services
Co-chair	Deputy Chief Antoinette Ursitti	CPD
Co-chair	Alexa James	NAMI Chicago
	Rebecca Levin	Cook County Sheriff's Office
	Michelle Langlois	Veterans Administration
	Peggy Flaherty	Thresholds
	Marc Buslik	Retired, CPD Commander
	Veronique Baker	IL Guardianship and Advocacy
	Chief Mary Sheridan	CFD
	Dr. Manoj Patel	LSSI
	Oswaldo Gomez	ONE Northside
	Harold Pollack	Uchicago Urban/Crime Lab
	Dr. Shastri Swaminathan	Retired Advocate IL Masonic Hospital
	Eric Cowgill	NAMI Chicago
	Alderman James Cappleman	46th Ward Alderman
	Donald Tyler	Chicago CRED

	Dr. Ken Fox	CPS
	Hellen Antonopoulos	CPS

II. Public Comment - No requests for public comment

III. Update on Crisis Identification and Management Class

- a. Goal is to get class re-started by Q1 of 2022 at the latest
- b. Planning a curriculum review to make sure everything is up to date and to figure out some ways to augment the class- potentially adding an online education segment
- c. CFD has joined basic 40-hour CIT training
- d. Background on Crisis Identification and Management Class:
 - i. 8-hour collaborative class between CFD, CPD, OEMC, and area hospitals
 - ii. Goal is to coordinate mental health responses and understand each agency's role
 - a. Was the result of planning meetings between CPD, CFD, OEMC, hospitals where it became clear that there was a lack of understanding between different agencies regarding expectations of what operational units would be doing
 - iii. NAMI teaches on mental health signs and symptoms/risk assessment; CPD and CFD teach around their policies/procedures; and NAMI actors (people with lived experience of the emergency mental health system) do simulations and debriefs
 - iv. Have trained 712 people as of June 2021
 - v. Evaluations of the class indicate increased knowledge and desire for scenario-based training
 - vi. Training was reviewed by people who have utilized the emergency response system

IV. Other Updates

- a. Having ongoing conversations and engagement with emergency departments on trainings to standardize crisis response procedures
- b. City's Alternate Response pilot is launching soon
 - i. Finalizing details this week, sending protocol to IDPH EMS for approval

V. Other Discussion

- a. CESSA legislation
 - i. Primarily discussed in the Deflection/Diversion Subcommittee, although it will impact all committees
 - ii. The County is very interested in this process

- b. Community engagement around City's Alternate Response Pilot
 - i. Some concern around community engagement: what has the community engagement process been like, and how can community members participate in defining metrics for the program evaluation?

VI. Announcements

- a. In 2022 public comment period will be moved to the end of each meeting to allow people more opportunity to ask questions about agenda information
- b. CIT training observation opportunity: this is only open to rostered CCMHE members, not the public
- c. There is a co-chair meeting next month
- d. Crisis Response Subcommittee meetings moving forward will look at CIT policies
 - i. Specific policies assigned to each meeting will be posted
 - ii. Will look at 1-2 policies/meeting
 - iii. Likely extending the subcommittee meetings by 30 minutes-1 hour to allow time for discussion