



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

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 22nd, 2021

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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#### I. Welcome and Attendance – members in attendance are shaded 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 / Katie Danko	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
	Cesareo Patras-Moreno	ONE Northside
	Jason Learner	Uchicago Urban/Crime Lab
	Amy Spellman	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

#### II. Public Comment – no public comment request

### III. Questions about CPD CIT Policy revisions

- **Comment:**
  - Thankful for all of the input and thoughtful feedback. Next full CCMHE meeting will be Monday 11/29. Kate has sent out an email with all of the recommendations broken down by special orders, standard operating procedures, and broad principles.
  - CPD conducts an annual policy review and would like to include CCMHE policies in this review for 2022.

### IV. CCMHE Subcommittee Planning for 2022

- **Comment:**
  - The City is started discussions focused on planning for 2022
  - 2022 Budget has increased the mental health budget to \$89 million. Some key investments are expanding Trauma Informed Centers of Care. Will also work to expand and address specialized service types. Multiple diversion programs have also been funded.
- **Question:**
  - Is there a written summary of the 2022 budget breakdown that committee members can refer to?
  - **Answer:** CDPH will provide a summary document.
- **Question:**
  - Are the 5 new City clinics traditional mental health centers?
  - **Answer:** Yes. City is working to improve primary care services. There will be communication between mental health clinics and primary care physicians
- **Question:**
  - Where will the new 60 unit building be located?
  - **Answer:** A location has not been identified yet. CDPH is working closely with DFSS and DOH on options.
- **Question:**
  - Could you provide more detail on the funding status for the CARE program?
  - **Answer:** The CARE program staff were trained in August, have begun district familiarization in September, and became eligible to take 911 calls in late September. Currently the CARE team operated in the a few Southside and Northside communities. A new team has just begun on the Southwest side, which is just beginning district familiarization.
  - **Answer:** The pilot is a learning process. The City is getting a lot of calls from individuals who are unhoused.
  - Who is conducting the program evaluation and is the City tracking any data?
  - **Answer:** Evaluation is being done externally. City is almost done raising funds for a 2-year evaluation. Once fundraising is completed, a formal

announcement will be made. The City also continues to track multiple data pieces that will be used in the evaluation.

- Comment:
  - It would be great if CCMHE can continue to ensure that first responders and crisis intervention is not a law-enforcement only workstream. To ensure that responses are based on the needs of every unique individual.
- Comment:
  - Ensuring that this committee can help facilitate and steer communication between participating entities and first responders.
- Comment:
  - Public messaging is very important.
- Comment:
  - Peer support and teamwork with CPD is essential. Ensuring that peers are included in the least restrictive and safest way.
  - Answer: The City does intend to create an alternate response team which will be staffed by a peer support member.
- Comment:
  - Can the subcommittee receive regular updates on the CARE team pilot?

**V. Next Steps**

The next meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and a quorum is needed.