



Chicago Council on Mental Health Equity (CCMHE) – Mental Health Safety Net Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 17th, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Meeting ID: 303 242 4110

Passcode: CCMHE2021

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

Co-Chair	Name	Agency
Co-chair	Matt Richards	CDPH
Co-chair	Mirna Ballestas	Private practice
Co-chair	Dr. Inger Burnett-Zeigler	Northwestern Hospital
	Mark Ishaug	Thresholds
	Susan Doig	Trilogy
	Pastor Chris Harris	Bright Star
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	Dan Fulwiler	Esperanza
	Denise Fuentes	HHC
	Joel Rubin	NASW
	Alderman Roderick Sawyer	6th Ward Alderman
	Belinda Stiles	Christian Community Health Center
	Dr. Donell Barnett	City Colleges of Chicago
	Darci Flynn	Mayor's Office (Recovery Task Force)
	Patrick Dombrowski	C4
	Marco Jacome	HAS
	Dr. Colleen Cicchetti	Lurie Children's Hospital
	Maggie Shreve	Community Renewal Society

II. Public Comment – no public comment

III. Revisions to subcommittee recommendations to CPD CIT Policies

Kate: Everyone received an email last night with a lot of information; we'll be leaving a few minutes in each subcommittee meeting for any clarifications needed regarding the recommendations that were sent out. I will follow-up with one document that has everything together and explanation on how the meeting will run on 11/29.

IV. CDPH Budget Summary 2022 – Matt Richards

➤ Matt Richards – Budget Summary 2022 Mental Health Budget

○ PROVIDED HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

▪ SIGNIFICANT NEW INVESTMENTS INCLUDE

- Trauma Informed Centers of Care Expansion (TICC - \$20,000,000 in additional funds to expand the TICC program citywide into all 77 community areas from the existing 35 and build additional capacity in existing community areas to address waitlists and the need for additional mental health staffing.)
- Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE - \$15,000,000 in additional funds to support embedding of mental health professionals in 911 call center, mobile 911 response teams, and crisis stabilization alternatives in the community)
- High Utilizer Stabilization Housing and Services (\$12,000,000 to launch a stabilization housing program that incorporates specialized mental health, substance use, and primary care services for persons living with complex behavioral health conditions who are experiencing homelessness.)
- Sobering Center (\$5,000,000 to launch the city's first sobering center to support persons living with alcohol use disorder who come into contact with law enforcement or emergency response systems due to public intoxication)
- CDPH MH Clinic Staffing (\$2,800, 000 per year)

➤ Questions

- **Susan Doig:** TICC grant will be city-wide, can you speak to prioritization of other gaps for that funding (waitlists)
 - **(Matt's response):** Looking at waitlists on the outpatient side, the waitlist are most significant for two services – long-term psychotherapy and psychiatry; a second issue is it's a program currently in 35 communities that we will take into 77; third issue – community is just not geographical but it's also cultural

- **(Susan):** has city had conversation with stakeholders regarding workforce shortage issues
 - **(Matt's response):** I'm interested in discussing this question/conversation, looking at employees with Master's going in to public service in mental health
- **Dan:** is there a thought about where sobering center will be
 - **(Matt):** it's based on the epidemiology; EMS call volume (public intoxication); it's also based on low-level arrest patterns
 - **(Dan):** CDPH's data for a long time showed that liver disease was problematic on the southwest side
- **Maggie:** How are these programs going to be rolled out
 - **(Matt):**
 - TICC
 - MH website (UnSpoken) - the resource finder will be the best tool to locate support/resources that's being maintained by NowPow; we really want to increase awareness about this resource finder
 - Developing community/ward level resource guides that would be available, libraries, police stations, etc.,
 - CARE
 - Townhalls co-hosted by Alderpersons
 - Quarterly data updates to the public
 - Diversion Program
 - Brand new programs, - in the beginning stages
 - This diversion would be directly from 911 system
 - CDPH
 - Expand, further so that we're building awareness about the CDP MH clinics; better clinics sites that are fully staffed and renovated
- **Maggie:** Wanted to shout-out the great work that CDPH MH is doing; also wants to know how we can get more people to know about the work that's being done in/by CDPH
 - **(Matt):** we're definitely working on communication/marketing – we're looking for any ideas or feedback to help with comms/marketing
 - **(Kate):** we definitely should reach out to Community Policing Offices and District Coordination offices – Vance Henry?
- **Elliot:** (shares Maggie's enthusiasm regarding CDPH – MH's work) discussed why there's hesitation for MH professionals to work in the public sector instead of the private sector – How many of the new positions are in CDPH-MH and how many are in non-profit agencies?

- **(Matt):** all the positions referenced are in CDPH MH; I terms of CARE are primarily CDPH members; our salaries of CDPH staff are not based on the primarily on the reimbursement, it is primarily subsidized by the taxpayer. Anybody who's concerned about the pay of the CMHC and FQHC's should be fighting for payment reform
 - **(Elliot):** Can you speak to the percentage of funds that are being allocated to CDPH salaries as opposed to subsidizing positions that are within other agencies
 - **(Matt):** I haven't looked at it in that way, but it's certainly an answerable question, but I don't have that info off the top of my head
 - **(Elliot):** Is that something we could take a look at
 - **(Matt):** Yes that's an answerable question
- **Patrick:** Is there still plans to have 590 system coordination meetings for Chicago providers? There is a metro one going right now, but do think there would be a value of getting a Chicago one going
 - **(Matt):** this is on my radar as something that we need to get done and I've spoken DMH and they're in full support of us pulling the group together; it will also be helpful if you (Patrick) can get info on the Metro one to find out who's there
- **(Question):** Regarding the recording – these are all posted online to the CoC Public Safety Reform Site
- **Elliot:** concerned about people in the communities that are often recipients of these services that are not represented on this call; I wish there were more people on the call that represent them. Matt you mentioned that there'd be a resource available in each ward/community but I don't think that is an actual resource that can be accessed.
 - **(Matt):** I'm happy to answer that question but I'm not interested in re-adjudicating this issue at every meeting. I'm happy to have an offline meeting with you to discuss how the MH system has changed. With respect to how we're funding direct services in communities, already CMHC's and FQHC's that the city does not directly operate, they can expand capacity on those communities by the city providing additional funding to these agencies
 - **(Maggie):** I'm also interested in having a discussion with you as well Matt and Elliot

V. CCMHE Subcommittee Planning for 2022

- **Kate:** anyone can have offline conversations it just can't be called a CCMHE meeting due to Open Meeting Act requirements
- **Kate:** Looking forward to planning 2022

- By-laws – we really want to wrap them up
- Recognizing enough time to get feedback
- Cadence of subcommittee meetings
- Scheduling