
Meeting called by: Tiffany Wilson

Facilitator: Tiffany Wilson

Member Tiffany Wilson

Keyion Jones

Attendees: Elizabeth Rebein

Michele Calvo

Liza Chowdhury

Timothy Seplaki

Candace Gardner

Carolyn Beauchamp

Gantry Fox

Lakeesha Eure

Minutes

Opening Tiffany Wilson explained that this is an extra meeting before starting every other month meetings to start planning and getting a running list of what we want to talk about in future meetings.

1. Review/Correction of Minutes from December 20, 2024 Meeting

No corrections or questions.

2. Introduction of New Members/Attendees Not Present at Last Meeting

Candace Gardner – Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Tim Seplaki - will attend as an alternate for DOH Deputy Commissioner Kelly Anderson-Thomas.

Renee Burawski – Assistant Commissioner, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Responsible for designating screening centers in all 21 counties to evaluate individuals when a mental illness is involved. Works closely on ARRIVE Together with OACR. They are also responsible for rolling out 988 services.

David Kensler – DHS, Office of Treatment Recovery and Support Services. Responsible for acute care services and justice involved services.

Carolyn Beauchamp – President and CEO of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, a statewide advocacy organization. Heavily invested in bringing services to the community, 988 and any crisis outreach that is happening in the community.

3. Ethics Training and Documents

You will have an opportunity to talk to our Ethics Officer about any questions you may have at our next meeting,

If you have already completed the training please send us your Certificate of Completion.

Completion of Training and Acknowledgment of Receipt/Review due March 1, 2025

4. Planning for Future Meetings

We would like to identify organizations or individuals that we can call before this committee. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions of who we should invite or what should be discussed at future meetings. It is for this committee to come up with recommendations of what a community crisis response team will look like in the State of New Jersey, informed by the information that this committee gains and the work being done by the pilots. Some suggestions:

DMHAS – screeners and screening process

MCORTS

LEAP

CAHOOTS

Family members of those impacted by police violence during a mental health call

211

988

CSG

Michael Morgan at OETS

Transition from 911 to 988

Regional dispatch center at University Hospital

Mark Bober, mobile intensive care program director

Keyion's team to discuss challenges, volume and type of calls

Renee's 988 team

HART

CRESS

Rutgers UBHC

Mike Higgenbotham from Harry Reyes' office

Experts in the harm reduction field

Newark Community Street Team

5. Future Meeting Dates

February 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

June 18, 2025

August 20, 2025

October 15, 2025

December 17, 2025