



## **Center for Disaster Mental Health**



**Mission: The Center for Disaster Mental Health will develop, promote and apply mental health instruction, training and services in disasters.**

1. Minutes: 4 April 2016
2. Attendees: Christina Conover, Ken Johnson, Frank Maher, Cindy Mockabee, Steve Jez, Larry Cleek, Steve Wetterhan, Vic Knapp, Dan Kirkpatrick, Jill Neitzel, Sandy Miller
3. Welcome: Introductions were completed.
4. Review of Minutes: The meeting notes from 7 March 2016 were reviewed and approved.
5. Standing Business:
  - a. Review of Agencies:
    - 1) Frank reported the American Red Cross completed their psychological first aid and mental health training in conjunction with the Regional Training Institute in Cincinnati.
    - 2) Dan described the upcoming National Disaster Health Consortium class that will be conducted by Wright State University at the National Center for Medical Readiness.
    - 3) Cindy from Montgomery County ADAMHS acquired several copies of the Field Manual for Mental Health and Human Service Workers in Major Disasters. This is a free publication from the Department of Health and Human Services. The group agreed to acquire more of these manuals to hand out at the symposium in October.
    - 4) Sandy and Larry reported on plans for the recently acquired Regional Challenge grant award focusing on Medical Reserve Corps for West Central Ohio. Volunteer training encompassing active shooter scenarios including mental health components will be planned for during the grant period.
    - 5) Steve W reported hospice is developing an new palliative care outreach program headed up by Mark Curtis.
    - 6) Larry reported on exercise plans for May. Two Mental Health organizations will be participating. (See “6. Coalition Activities with Community Partners” section below for survey planning activities.
    - 7) Steve J reported the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) has tentative approval for their grant budget for 2016-2017 grant from the Regional Hospital Domestic Preparedness Committee. The grant will still need to be approved by the Ohio Department of Health. Historically, this

has been approved annually, so \$3,000 should be available to partially sponsor CDMH with their annual conference. GDAHA will be moving to their new offices in Tech Town sometime in May. The June Meeting will be held at the new offices, Tech Town Building 3, first floor, 241 Taylor Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. Part on the Monument Street side, use the middle door to enter.

8) Ken reported that Dr Welton (representing CDMH) attended the West Central Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) meeting and presented a very informative overview of mental health resources and community needs.

b. Coalition Activities with Community Partners

1) The CDMH Survey of Community Emergency Planners and the Regional Mental Health Subcommittee (RMHS) Survey of Mental Health Organizations were discussed in detail. CDMH is interested in collecting information from community planners on the disaster preparedness mental health education needs, while RMHS is trying to identify overall mental health resources available in the region and their preparation for emergency situations. Members from CDMH and RMHS sit on both committees, although more mental health professionals would be welcome on the RMHS. With closely related goals, an overall purpose statement and strategic goals would be helpful for the survey development process. Ken and Larry will coordinate the time and agenda for the next survey development meeting to combine efforts of CDMH and RMHS. Several people are researching to develop email and contact lists to identify the proper emergency response planners in each mental health organization.

2) As noted above, Randy Welton attended the EMA regional meeting representing CDMH.

c. Symposium Planning:

1) Andrea has reserved the Berry Center at Miami Valley Hospital on Friday, 28 October 2016, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The Auditorium and 5 breakout rooms are available all day. CDMH appreciates the continued support provided by Miami Valley Hospital.

2) Steve J reviewed last months discussion on symposium topics. The mental health aspects of specific incidents, such as active shooter and terrorism events, and the threats of these incidents, will be investigated as the focus of the symposium. Dan, Sandy, Frank and Steve W suggested some speakers and other members will work on identifying other possible speakers.

3) With the support of Miami Valley Hospital, GDAHA, and Montgomery County ADAMHS co-sponsoring the symposium, a minimum registration fee was suggested. Tentative fees will be \$40 for attendees, with a discount to \$20 for students, American Red Cross volunteers, and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. The low cost with promoted sponsorships and contact hours for several professions (Physician, Nurse, Psychologists, Social Workers, Counselors, Nursing Home Administrators) will encourage participation.

4) Jill and Steve J reviewed the registration process. Most all registrations will be encouraged to be done on the CDMH website, with payment through PayPal. Mail in registrations will be available.

d. Website: [www.DisasterMentalHealth.org](http://www.DisasterMentalHealth.org).

1) Although registration for the fall conference is not open yet, the conference registration page now has an input screen which will allow visitors to send questions regarding the conference to [cdmh@gdaha.org](mailto:cdmh@gdaha.org).

6. New Business:

a. none

7. Next Meeting: Monday, 2 May 2016 at 3:00 PM at GDAHA.

Future projected meeting dates are:

6 June 2016 (GDAHA in Tech Town, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Building 3, 241 Taylor Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402)

4 July 2016 - Holiday; change to be discussed.

1 August 2016

5 September 2016 - Holiday; change to be discussed

3 October 2016

7 November 2016