

# 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: 6 January 2016
2. Attendees: Jill Neitzel, Mark Hubner, Ken Johnson, Terry Correll, Sandy Miller, Frank Maher, Tammy Collins, Cindy Mockabee, Steve Jez
3. Welcome : Introductions were completed.
4. Review of Minutes: The meeting notes from 18 November 2015 were reviewed and approved.
5. Standing Business:
  - a. Review of Agencies:
    - 1) GDAHA is helping plan the May 2016 Pandemic Flu exercise. Ideas on how to incorporate Mental Health issues were discussed. Please email any further suggestions to [cdmh@gdaha.org](mailto:cdmh@gdaha.org)
    - 2) MCADAMHS will be developing a new position to be the responder to disaster situations. They are also developing a Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team.
    - 3) Clark County continues researching Mental Health resources available during Disaster Response and how it is in local organization plans.
    - 4) The American Red Cross will be conducting a Mental Health class for responders near the end of January.
    - 5) Tammy Collins was welcomed to the meeting. Tammy is the Director of Prevention and Community Engagement at the Mental Health & Recovery Board (MHRB) of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties. She will be working with the Clark LOSS Team.
  - b. Symposium Review:
    - 1) No further comments on 2015. Discussion included suggesting the same venue for next year in late October, early November. There is a need for increased focus on advertising and completion of contact hours applications earlier. Detailed planning will begin in April 2016.

c. County Coalition Outreach: Members continue to attend local emergency preparedness planning meetings. This needs to expand to more organizations (see the discussion in 2016 Goals section)

d. Website: [www.DisasterMentalHealth.org](http://www.DisasterMentalHealth.org). Please send any suggestions to [cdmh@gdaha.org](mailto:cdmh@gdaha.org).

## 6. New Business:

### a. 2016 Goals:

1) 2015 Goal of “Expanding our Coalition with Community Partners” was very successful as CDMH now participates routinely in 3 regional meetings, and has attending several county meetings. Still, there are more groups to touch base with, and this will continue as a 2016 Goal.

2) “Conducting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Symposium”; detailed planning to start in April 2016.

3) 2015 Goal: Collaborating with development of Regional Emergency Response Plans:

a) A CDMH sub-committee helped develop standard input for incorporation of Mental Health aspects in community emergency response plans. The Emergency Support Functions used in Montgomery County were used as a template for Emergency Management Agencies plans (attached) and they were seen as appropriate.

b) As an example of Mental Health support suggested for regional plans, the Regional Healthcare Emergency Response Plan (draft for 2016 approval is attached) has added Mental Health resource contacts for each county (pages 9-16), a Palliative Care section on page 33, and a generic Mental Health Support statement on page 34. Please email [cdmh@gdaha.org](mailto:cdmh@gdaha.org) for comments.

4) 2016 Goal: As CDMH is a volunteer organization, and not all members are in direct patient care, CDMH is not an emergency response organization. As time allows, CDMH members can assist with “Support to County Emergency Response Planning Leaders” as consultants, trainers and exercise developers/evaluators.

a) Working at the strategic level, CDMH members will assess what Mental Health planning is needed in organizations as they continue to expand their coalition with community partners.

b) A “Needs Assessment” form will be discussed at the next meeting and a data sharing folder will be developed .

5) 2016 Goal Summary:

- “Expanding our Coalition with Community Partners”
- “Conducting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Symposium”
- “Support to County Emergency Response Planning Leaders”

b. Mark Curtis is near his two year point as co-chair. A new co-chair will be identified early in 2016.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, 1 February 2016 at 3:00 PM at GDAHA.

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1. ESF #8, Mental Health Section.
2. RHERP Draft 2016