

Center for Disaster Mental Health

8 January 2015



- **Attendees** – R Welton, F Maher, S Wetterhan, M Hubner, P Bernitt, S Jez, M Curtis,

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- **Review of Agencies** (No review at this meeting)

- o Dayton VA Medical Center
- o The American Red Cross
Red Cross continues to offer Psychological First Aid Classes to volunteers and staff.
- o Boonshoft School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry
- o National Center for Medical Readiness
- o Wright State University College of Nursing and Health
- o Hospice of Dayton
- o Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
- o Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Service

Symposium Review:

- **Date:** 14 November, 2014

- **Location:** Hope Hotel, WPAFB Fairborn Ohio

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- **Update on finances** – S Jez

- o After expenses CDMH has 3,319.29 available for our next project

- **Pre & post test scores**

- o All areas showed an improvement between pre and post test scores.
Overall Score: Pre-test = 53%
Post-test = 80%

- **Narrative Comments**

- o Many very positive comments including recommendations for next symposium
- o Several comments concerning keynote speaker's presenting personal agenda
Would prefer education on how an event of such magnitude could be managed

- **Recommendation on future keynote speakers from CDMH**

- o Interview the speaker prior to selection
- o Give speakers direction, boundaries, standards and expectations for symposium

- **Future Considerations for CDMH (Brainstorming)**

- o Go into area facilities and do a needs assessment to evaluate preparedness for influx of mental health patients. Check for educational blocks.
- o Look at the top 3-5 vulnerabilities of a facility and build programs to make it easier for hospitals and medical providers to handle mental health issues.

- **Future considerations for CDMH cont.**
 - o Offer multiple classes/experiential opportunities throughout the year.
 - o Consider classes/workshops through the National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR).
 - o Develop a 5 year plan: give form and function to what we do.
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 - o Become a certifying agency.
 - o How can we have the greatest impact on our community?
Ex) Lay training, expert training, other specialty training.
 - o Do our own needs assessment of mental health disaster management in the Dayton area.
 - o Increased networking.
 - o As CDMH membership grows, have leadership body which guides the committees direction.
 - o Have CDMH larger group focus on 2-3 agenda items to keep group focused.
 - o As CDMH expands its reach, consider having subcommittees to handle specific projects.
 - o Need for CDMH to have a website for contact and credibility.

- **Statewide disaster exercise**
 - o There is a statewide disaster exercise planned for June 2015. They are looking for mental health. There is a call for participation by mental health experts.
The discussion from the committee suggested that if CDMH did participate, we do so in an evaluation capacity to assist with debriefing responders and not actually performing the hands on mental health.

- **Additional CDMH funding (Project Grant)**
 - o Who: Agency: Department of Health and Human Services.
Office: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
 - o What: Project grant to provide funds for staff, travel, consultants and other expenses incident to the provision of mental health counseling to and referral of individuals in a disaster area.
 - o We can discuss this further at the next meeting to see if we want to pursue this grant.

- **New Co-chair:** Mark Hubner stepped up to take on the position of co-chair 2015-2017.
Thanks Mark your willingness to assume this role.
A special thanks to Randy Welton who has is stepping down from his co-chair position after serving the first 2 years of CDMH and being integral in building the foundation for CDMH.

- **Next meeting:** Thursday, 5 February 2015, 08:30 – 10:00, GDAHA building