

# 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: 18 November 2015
2. Attendees : Jill Neitzel, Mark Hubner, Larry Cleek, Ken Johnson, Terry Correll, Sandy Miller, Christine Conover, Frank Maher, Mark Curtis.,
3. Welcome : Introductions were completed.
4. Review of Minutes: The meeting notes from 5 October 2015 were reviewed and approved.
5. Standing Business:
  - a. Symposium Review:
    - 1) Evaluations from the conference were reviewed and are available on a separate document titled “CDMH Conf Eval Tally 2015.xls”. Overall tally’s of evaluations received:
      - a) Did this activity clarify or reinforce principles and concepts underlying your current handling of patients? 52 Yes; 1 No
      - b) Probability of changing practice due to this presentation. 22 High; 5 Low; 22 No Change Necessary
      - c) Would you attend a similar conference next year? 49 Yes; 4 No
      - d) Content Evaluation: 98.1% rated objective completion as Average or higher.
      - e) Pretest Average Score 61%; Posttest Average Score 88%
    - 2) Discussion ranged on topics including types of speakers, specific topics, moral injury versus PTSD, CISM for fire, police, military, partnering with Wright State University residency, and methods to promote a 2016 event.
  - b. Website: [www.DisasterMentalHealth.org](http://www.DisasterMentalHealth.org) . Conference briefings are available on the website.
  - c. Identify other regional emergency preparedness groups and expand coalition:
    - 1) Working with Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinators to expand coalition with county level mental health agencies.
    - 2) Addressing Mental Health at all county functional needs meetings.
    - 3) Identifying resources such as Medical Reserve Corps.

- 4) Start looking at long term projects
  - a) What actions to take after initial disaster
  - b) Gathering resources to share with others, i.e. best practices, possibly using other country's responses, digital library or template formation,
  - c) Next Symposium or training project for 2016
  - d) More participation with RMRS/MMRS and other regional/state meetings.
  - e) Identify any grants available
  - f) Other topics discussed: Staff burnout, vulnerable populations, substance abuse, community outreach,

6. New Business

- a. Cindy Mockabee will be replacing Jewell Good from Montgomery County ADAMHS.
- b. Larry Cleek and Ken Johnson reported on sub-committee actions where Mental Health should be more involved. Training possibilities were discussed.
- c. Mark Curtis is near his two year point as co-chair. A new co-chair will be identified early in 2016.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 8:30 AM at GDAHA.