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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence-Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee

Date: February 24, 2025 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Meeting Goals and Objectives

- To review services and training offered by the CIT Center of Excellence
- To develop outcome measures and evaluation processes for the Center
- To develop recommendations for the implementation of the crisis intervention model program at the municipal, county, and state levels
- To provide general oversight to the CIT Center of Excellence

Meeting Attendees

Participating Members:

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy	Assistant Director, Centers of Excellence	James Rhoden, Chair
Police and Correctional Training Commission	Deputy Director, Police and Correctional Training Commissions	Matthew Mellady
Behavioral Health Administration	Program Administrator, Crisis Stabilization Centers, CIT, and Urgent Care	Brandy James
Local Behavioral Health Authority	Director, Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System	Jen Corbin
Maryland Municipal League	Council Member, City of Westminster	Ann Gilbert
Maryland Sheriff's Association	Allegany County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Brett Lysinger
Maryland Association of Counties	Director, Department of Community Services, Cecil County	David Trolio
Local Crisis Intervention Team	Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator, Charles County Sheriff's Office	Captain Caroline Baker

Staff:

Rachel Ames, Mental Health Coordinator, GOCPP

Avneet Kaur, COE Intern, GOCPP

Hallie Persell, COE Data Analyst, GOCPP

Tatiana Reyes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, GOCPP

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Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks: James Rhoden, Assistant Director, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP

A. Call to order
B. Roll call
C. Acceptance of meeting minutes from November 18, 2024

II. Report from CIT Center of Excellence (CITCE): Assistant Director Rhoden

A. Staff updates
    a. Hallie Persell has joined GOCPP as the COE Data Analyst

B. CITCE progress: Legislative requirements
    a. Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee (CPIC)
        i. CPIC remains fully appointed
    b. Technical support
        i. Development of a statewide CIT model program
            1. The Maryland CIT Training Standard Curriculum ("curriculum") has been reviewed by MPCTC; MPCTC is currently developing a curriculum that COE is expecting to review prior to the April MPCTC meeting
                a. MPCTC is exploring the creation of a class in Sykesville and/or a cadre of MPCTC instructors
            2. In partnership with CIT Coordinators, COE has developed a 2025 strategic plan that includes the following:
                a. Centralized Communication
                    i. COE has redesigned its website as a separate division within GOCPP and now includes a CIT coordinator portal along with original and collected resources
                b. Training and Technical Assistance to include resource development (listed below) and continuing education at each meeting
                    i. Complete and/or Continuous
                        1. Request form
                        2. Maryland CT Training Standard Curriculum
                        3. Evaluation guidance to accompany the Maryland CIT Standard Training Curriculum
                        4. HIPAA summary for law enforcement
                        5. CIT calendar of meeting dates, training dates
                        6. CIT coordinators roster
                    ii. In Progress
                        1. Preferred instructor list
                        2. Database of scenarios for role play
                        3. CIT coordinator guide

c. Data and Evaluation
    i. Maryland CIT Training and Impact Analysis: The Centers of Excellence is partnering with the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to initiate standardized data collection and analysis statewide. Data will be collected at three points in time (i.e., pre-training, training completion, and six-months post-training) to demonstrate training impact on participants and the community.
ii. Provision of educational resources to law enforcement to promote CIT program
    1. COE continues to share resources and respond to inquiries from contacts; the newly-designed website includes a section of resources for law enforcement
    2. COE continues to facilitate the quarterly CIT Coordinators meetings; Coordinators met February 10, 2025, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2024
iii. Monitoring of statewide progress for implementation of CIT model program
    1. The statewide CIT landscape analysis by University of Maryland School of Social Work is entering Phase 2
i. Expansion/maintenance of COE's knowledge base and reach

c. Annual report to General Assembly
    i. The 2024 legislative report was submitted on time

III. Open Forum

A. 2024 CIT Center of Excellence strategy
    a. Outcome measures and evaluation processes for the Center
        i. COE is tracking efforts in CIT Coordinators meeting minutes and CPIC minutes
    b. Recommendations for the implementation of the crisis intervention model program at the municipal, county, and state levels
        i. CPIC members and stakeholders continue to provide feedback on resources
B. Open Discussion
    a. MPCTC Certification
        i. Some programs that wish to be certified have questions regarding instructor certification requirements
            1. Instructor approval is a component of program approval; instructors who qualify as subject matter experts do not require instructor certification
                a. COE will coordinate with MPCTC to compile a list of of exempted/certified instructors to provide to CIT Coordinators
        ii. COE is coordinating with MPCTC to ensure that the term "CIT" and any related P/C numbers are reserved for trainings that align with GOCPP guidance
                a. There is a "shelf life" on a P/C number; these will not be renewed if they do not meet current standards

i. MPCTC may elect to survey departments regarding who claims a "CIT program" as a starting point for initiating this conversation

b. COE has a meeting with the Maryland Hospital Association to discuss data sharing

VII. Next Steps, Assistant Director Rhoden

A. The 2025 meetings are set for May 19, Aug 18, and Nov 17 from 1-3pm; calendar invites have been sent

B. Contact Rachel Ames at rachel.ames@maryland.gov with any further questions or concerns

VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment, Assistant Director Rhoden