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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

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

Date: May 19, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid [Virtual/100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD]

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:

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
Family and Consumer Mental Health Organizations	Senior Director of Public Policy, Mental Health Association of Maryland	Dan Martin
Maryland Municipal League	Council Member, City of Westminster	Ann Gilbert
Maryland Chiefs of Police Association	Montgomery County Police Department	Captain Jordan Satinsky
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
Maryland Sheriff's Association	Allegany County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Brett Lysinger

Staff:

Rachel Ames, Mental Health Coordinator, 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 February 24, 2025

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

A. Staff updates
    a. No updates; all positions are filled
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 approved by MPCTC effective April 9, 2025; the term "CIT" and any future P/C numbers are reserved for trainings that align with this curriculum
            2. 2025 Coordinators strategic plan:
                a. Centralized Communication
                    i. COE is now sending monthly newsletters to CIT Coordinators (and other partners upon request; CPIC members can email Rachel Ames if interested in receiving the newsletter)
                b. Training and Technical Assistance to include resource development and continuing education at each meeting
                    i. New
                        1. Contact roster to include law enforcement leads
                    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 is moving into Phase 2: Testing and Implementation on July 1, 2025; the tools have been provided to contacts in all 24 jurisdictions for sample testing prior to the start of the fiscal year

ii. COE is compiling a list of available data sources to develop sharing agreements; identified agencies include Maryland Hospital Association, Maryland Department of Health, Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCME); suggestions can be sent to Hallie Persell

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 May 12, 2025, and the next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025

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 coming to a close; the draft final report is expected on or near May 30, and the finalized report is expected June 30, when it is expected to will be shared with committee members

iv. Expansion/maintenance of COE's knowledge base and reach
1. COE has been invited to contribute to a chapter for a second edition of *The Sequential Intercept Model and Criminal Justice: Promoting Community Alternatives for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness* by Griffin and Heilbrunn; COE submitted a draft on April 7, detailing Maryland's progress since the first edition in 2015
2. COE is preparing for the Statewide Summit on Behavioral Health: An Opportunity for Collaborative Change, sponsored by the Maryland Judiciary in collaboration with GOCPP and MDH/BHA. The two-day statewide summit will include information and/ or presentations by national, state, and local leaders on crisis intervention, competency, diversion, community behavioral health, re-entry, trauma, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM); COE has provided a pre-Summit webinar and will be paneling and facilitating discussions in breakout groups during the event

c. Annual report to General Assembly
i. No update

C. BHPSCoE progress: Legislative requirements
a. SIM initiative
i. Allegany: March 6, 2025
ii. Washington: April 1, 2025
iii. St. Mary's: April 30, 2025
iv. Frederick: May 8, 2025

v. Anne Arundel: Postponed to 2026
vi. Requests: Garrett, Howard (informal)

III. Open Forum

A. 2025 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; resources can be found on the website and by request
   b. Recommendations for the implementation of the crisis intervention model program at the municipal, county, and state levels
      i. MPCTC certification:
         1. COE will coordinate with MPCTC to compile a list of of exempted/certified instructors to provide to CIT Coordinators
         2. COE will request that MPCTC present at CIT Coordinators meeting
         3. Coordinators propose that MPCTC host an instructor school for CIT Coordinators to develop a cadre of instructors and facilitate process of obtaining P/C numbers
         4. COE will partner with MPCTC regarding recertification standards to accompany the curriculum
      ii. Convening of law enforcement:
         1. COE is working with Coordinators to identify law enforcement partners to invite to meet quarterly with and without Coordinators (CIT Collaborative for Law Enforcement)
      iii. Shared communication:
         1. COE is designating time on the agenda of the next Coordinators' meeting to work on definitions for "program" and other CIT roles

VII. Next Steps, Assistant Director Rhoden

A. The remaining 2025 meetings are set for 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