



Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee (CPIC) Meeting Notes
 Tuesday, April 26, 2022; 5:30 (via MS Teams)

Attendees:

Associated Catholic Charities,	Ginna Wagner, Director, Baltimore Child & Adolescent Response System (BCARS)
Baltimore City Fire Dept	Ben Lawner, Medical Director
Baltimore City Health Department	Kelleigh Eastman, Special Projects Director, Administration Brendon Frankel, Fellow, Office of Youth and Trauma
Baltimore City Public Schools	James Padden, Director of Related Services
Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. (BCRI)	Quinita Garrett, Director of Hotline Services Richard Nicholas
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition	Rajani Gudlavalleti, Director of Mobilization
Bazon Center for Mental Health	Lewis Bossing, Senior Staff Attorney
Citizens Policing Project	Donna Brown, Project Manager
Community Housing Associates	Nico Sanders, Executive Director
Disability Rights Maryland	David Prater, Managing Attorney
District Court for Baltimore City	George Lipman, District Court Mental Health Court
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Baltimore	Sharon Krumm, Assistant Professor, Oncology
Maryland Coalition of Families	Sabrina Martin
MedStar Health Baltimore	Elizabeth Sebastiao, Regional Director, Community Health
NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF)	Allen Liu, Policy Counsel, Justice in Public Safety Project
NAMI Metro	Kerry Graves, Executive Director
Open Society Foundations	Michael Camlin, Program Specialist, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Addiction and Health Equity
University of Maryland Medical Center – Midtown Campus	Stephanie Knight, Chief of Psychiatry, VP of the Medical Staff, Asst. Prof. of Psychiatry, UM School of Medicine



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Baltimore City, Mayor's Office	Alexandra Smith, Mayor's Office – CPIC Co-Chair
Baltimore Police Department (BPD)	Derek Loeffler, Commander of Education & Training Section – CPIC Co-Chair Ryan Slade, Program Compliance Officer II Consent Decree Implementation Unit
Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB)	Chauna Brocht, Director GBRICS Project Implementation Gwen Brown, Community Engagement Coordinator Steve Johnson, Vice President, Programs Daniel Rabbitt, Director Policy, GBRICS Mark Slater, Director of Rehabilitation & Treatment Crista Taylor, President & CEO – CPIC Co-Chair Amy Woodrum, GBRICS Project Manager
US Department of Justice	Bob Bernstein, Expert Consultant
Consent Decree Monitoring Team	Randy Dupont, Mental Health Expert Wanda Watts, Lead Community Liaison



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Welcome and Introductions

Crista Taylor opened the meeting with a welcome to the group. Attendees introduced themselves in the chat.

Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (GBRICS) Update

GBRICS is a five-year regional project that includes Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, and Howard Counties focused on building out the crisis response infrastructure. BHSB services as the regional administrative manager for the project and in that role provides updates to DOJ, the Consent Decree Monitoring Team, and during these meetings to keep communities updated on progress.

Chauna Brocht shared updates about the open access RFP and mobile crisis team RFP.

Mobile crisis: <https://www.bhsbaltimore.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/GBRICS-Mobile-Response-Teams-RFP-1.pdf>

Open access: <https://www.bhsbaltimore.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GBRICS-Open-Access-for-Clinics-RFP.pdf>

Mobile Crisis RFP was released on April 13th and the proposals are due 12PM on May 18th. The request for LOI for the outpatient behavioral health clinic open access pilot project was released on March 23rd and proposals due by 12PM May 4th. Open access will be piloted in 33 clinics and will be additional clinics in the future.

2022 Legislative Update

Dan Rabbitt provided a recap of the legislative session as it relates to behavioral health. The main focus for crisis services was establishing a 988 trust fund for implementation of the national 988 number for crisis response. Legislation was passed that established a trust fund of \$5.5 million for localities investing in crisis services in order to be responsive to an expected increase in the number of calls that is expected when 988 goes into effect 7/1/2022. GBRICS also received a \$2 million earmark from the legislature during session, there is not yet a current plan for how to use that money, it will be available in July.

Another bill was passed to establish a review team for Behavioral Health Crisis Incident reviews, the purpose of this bill was to allow for the sharing of necessary data amongst entities in the review team.

There has been a 7.25% rate increase approved for providers. The hope is that this will begin to address the significant workforce shortages in the behavioral health field.



Community Partner Spotlight

The objective for community partner spotlights is to provide opportunity for organizations to share their vision for the work they are doing, discuss why they are engaged in this work, and make recommendations for how to effectively include more community members in CPIC. It will also provide an opportunity for members to get to know stakeholder organizations better and build relationships. Last month we heard from the Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition. April's community partner spotlight was Donna Brown from the Citizens Policing Project (CPP). CPP is an advocacy organization that focused on police reform – works to improve community relationships with police and help elevate community voice. They actively engage community members to talk about things impacting them and helping the advocate around things they are impacted by. Included in their work is a focus on youth advocacy and leadership development – most recently youth organizers engaged in developing youth interactions policies with the Baltimore Police Department.

Every third Thursday of the month CPP hosts “Opportunity Avenue” where they have resources including expungements and other community services provided and work with other community organizations. If individuals in CPIC are interested in being a community partner with CPP you can email Donna at donna.brown@cpproject.org.

Data Dive

BPD has assigned a new data fellow; this individual also has background experience related to behavioral health. It is expected that the quarterly report will be updated and available in the next few weeks. Because of the delay in producing the quarterly report, other data was shared and discussed.

Here2Help hotline data

- There was an increase of calls to the Here2Help hotline at beginning of COVID and has stayed steady at that rate. It is expected to continue to go up with the implementation of 988. There are currently about 5,000 calls a month right now.
- The number of police calls to the line are a small portion of overall calls, but the number of police calls is increasing and can see correlation between the increase in calls to Here2Help and training milestones.
- As 988 is rolled out across the country, the goal is to have fewer people calling 911 for behavioral health crises



The next step of the Data Subcommittee is to look more closely at what is being collected now and what can be incorporated into the quarterly report to show a more comprehensive picture of what is happening to people in Baltimore City that are experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Gap Analysis Implementation Subcommittee

The 2nd draft of the Gap Analysis Implementation plan will be available for public comment May 2 – May 16th.

Subcommittee will reconvene at the end of summer and develop new scope of committee's functions.

Policy Subcommittee

Draft of LEAD policy was released for public comment. Reviewed and made recommendations for potential revisions that will be made and issued back out for a 2nd public comment period by middle of May.

Training and Implementation Subcommittee

The next CIT training is scheduled for the end of May. There are currently 90 trained CIT officers, the goal is to have 30% of CITY trained in patrol, this would equate to 300 officers. On Our Own of Maryland who participated in the training gave positive feedback on the training that is happening and the officers that are signing up for CIT. Word of mouth from officers has been the most effective recruitment tool.

Youth Interactions training is in its sixth week, and over 500 BPD officers have been trained. This training goes through the end of July.

Other Announcements

- The applications for Baltimore's Guaranteed income pilot, the Baltimore Young Families Success Fund, launch on Monday May 2nd. Pilot will provide unconditional monthly cash payments of \$1,000 to 200 young parents over 24 months. To be eligible, participants must be a parent or guardian, between the ages of 18-24 and at or below 300% of federal poverty level. Applications will be open for one week, and close on Monday May 9th.
- Amethyst introduced her new role as a compliance manager in the Consent Decree Implementation Unit, focused on behavioral health.

Adjournment