

Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee (CPIC) Quarterly Meeting

Date: January 26, 2026 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/ygq-anxd-muw> / Dial (US) +1 408-909-8679 PIN: 652 459 115#

Meeting Goals and Objectives

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

Meeting Attendees

Participating Members:

Office of Crime Prevention and Policy	Director, Centers of Excellence	James Rhoden, Chair
Police and Correctional Training Commission	Deputy Director, Police and Correctional Training Commissions	Matthew Mellady
Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health (BHA, MDH)	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 Chiefs of Police Association	Montgomery County Police Department	Captain Jordan Satinsky
Maryland Association of Counties	Director, Department of Community Services, Cecil County	David Trolie
Maryland Sheriff's Association	Allegany County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Brett Lysinger
Other necessary member	Executive Director, NAMI Maryland	Stephanie Slowly Little

Staff:

Rachel Ames, Mental Health Coordinator, GOCPP

Tatiana Reyes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, GOCPP

Guests:

Richard Lewis, MDH

Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Opening, Standing Items, and Administrative Updates: James Rhoden

- A. Meeting opening
 - 1. Call to order
 - 2. Roll call / confirmation of quorum
 - 3. Acceptance of meeting minutes from November 17, 2025
- B. Standing items
 - 1. Feedback solicitation: CPIC Member Feedback Form was reshared with committee members
 - 2. Review of submitted feedback: Feedback indicated positive impact and encouraged continued collaboration with PTSC
- C. Administrative updates:
 - 1. June Chung, Director of Policy and Legislation, will be leaving GOCPP; her replacement has not been announced
 - 2. GOCPP Research, Analysis, and Evaluation division is still providing data support
 - 3. Ann Gilbert has retired from her state position, creating a CPIC vacancy; the Centers are vetting Maryland Municipal League's nominations for a replacement representative
 - 4. Stephanie Slowly Little has replaced Kate Farinholt at NAMI Maryland and assumed her CPIC appointment

II. Quarterly Reporting: Rachel Ames

- A. CIT Model Program
 - 1. Review of legislative requirements
 - a) Development, assistance with implementation, and monitoring of statewide progress for implementation
 - b) Technical support and provision of educational resources to law enforcement to promote CIT
 - c) Annual report to General Assembly
 - (1) The 2025 legislative report was submitted on time and is available on the GOCPP website: [HG § 13-4204; PS § 3-522\(e\); GOCPP: Centers of Excellence 2025 Report](#)
 - 2. Training and technical assistance
 - a) Resources
 - (1) On January 5, 2026, CIT Coordinators discussed and prioritized needs
 - (a) Coordinators identified recommendations for refresher training / recertification as the top priority
 - (b) The Centers have developed a draft and shared it with CPIC members for review and feedback
 - (2) Databases for instructors and role play scenarios and a CIT Coordinators Guide / State of MD CIT Best Practices Manual are in progress
 - (3) The Centers of Excellence are in the planning process to sponsor regional Critical Incident Stress Management trainings in 2026 for the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland to expand access to this officer wellness resource
 - b) Consultation

- (1) All submitted CIT curriculum were reviewed for alignment to state curriculum; only one jurisdiction has yet to submit FY26 curriculum
 - (2) The Centers are developing a standardized format for curricula submission for FY27
 - (3) Drop-In TA is available on the first Friday of each month
 - (4) Rachel Ames has been recognized by CIT International as a subject matter expert and has agreed to volunteer as a CITI program evaluator
 3. Centralized communication
 - a) Coordination
 - (1) A monthly newsletter provides resource links, updates, and funding opportunities; all CPIC members have been added to the mailing list and may opt out at any time
 - (2) The newly-formatted calendar shows future training opportunities statewide
 - b) Convenings
 - (1) Quarterly CIT Coordinators Group meetings are continuing for 2026
 - (2) The most recent CIT Collaborative for Law Enforcement was hosted by Montgomery County Police Department on January 7, 2026; details for the next convening are to be determined
 4. Data and Evaluation
 - a) Collection
 - (1) Data collection is in progress for the CIT Training and Impact Analysis
 - (a) Automations are in place to share data with Coordinators
 - (b) Given the data being collected, the Centers are exploring the development of a state database of CIT-trained officers
 - b) Analysis
 - (1) GOCPP is finalizing a CIT dashboard
- B. Stakeholder Engagement and SIM Initiative
1. Events
 - a) Summit on Behavioral Health: An Opportunity for Collaborative Change hosted by the Maryland Judiciary (May 21-22, 2025)
 - (1) Staff are participating on the committee and the five associated workgroups (Divert to What?, Competency Restoration and Alternative Approaches, Data Integration and Coordination, Interdisciplinary Education, and Local Jurisdictional Priorities)
 - b) State Summit on Behavioral Health and the Justice System: Utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model hosted annually by the Centers of Excellence (September 9-10, 2025)
 - (1) The final draft is under internal review
 2. SIM Mapping Workshops
 - a) Progress
 - (1) Staff are currently planning three mappings for 2026 and two for 2027
 - b) Post-mapping TA
 - (1) Staff are supporting Carroll, Frederick, and St. Mary's counties by request
- C. Calls to Action for the Centers

1. Recertification standards
 - a) The Centers have developed a draft of recommendations for CPIC review
 - b) Staff intend to seek MPCTC adoption of recertification recommendations and updates to the CIT curriculum
2. Coordination between CIT Coordinators and state agencies
 - a) BHA representatives are attending CIT quarterly meetings and communicating frequently with the Centers
 - b) MPCTC has agreed to a presentation at a future CIT quarterly meeting and is developing a list of exempted/certified CIT instructors
 - c) The Centers intend to partner with MPCTC to develop a template application for CIT training
 - d) The Centers intend to seek endorsement of the CIT curriculum and local presenters from NAMI Maryland
 - e) The Centers are exploring options to expand partnerships with fire/EMS, corrections, and parole and probation
3. Shared terminology across agencies
 - a) The Centers have updated an internal glossary and shared it with judiciary workgroups
 - b) CPIC members are encouraged to submit terms requiring standardization
4. Support with data collection regarding behavioral health calls for service (including EPs)
 - a) The Centers is participating in a data-focused workgroup

III. Open Forum: Committee Members

- A. Members suggested that the Centers to poll CIT Coordinators for current CIT recertification length to inform recommendations
- B. J. Corbin and B. James agreed to meet with the Centers to create a catalog of continuing education options for CIT recertification
- C. M. Mellady informed the committee that PTSC prefers no more than three hours of web-based instruction
- D. J. Satinsky informed the committee that domestic violence/intimate partner violence remains a significant portion of calls for service
- E. M. Mellady informed the committee that he is interested in looking into DPSCS' CIT efforts
- F. M. Mellady agreed to meet with the Centers to discuss the creation of a support resource for the application for P/C numbers, to finalize details for a presentation to CIT Coordinators
- G. S. Slowly Little agreed to meet with the Centers regarding NAMI Maryland endorsement of the Centers' resources
- H. B. James reiterated the need for a Best Practices resource for CIT Coordinators; Centers are compiling this information

IV. Next Steps: James Rhoden

- A. 2026 hybrid quarterly meeting invites have been sent (April 27, July 27, and October 26)
- B. Contact Rachel Ames (rachel.ames@maryland.gov) with any further questions or concerns

V. Good of the Order and Adjournment: James Rhoden