



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

**Date:** August 18, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual <https://meet.google.com/ftf-knxd-rhj> / Dial: (US) +1 231-981-8057 PIN: 238 148 824# / More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/ftf-knxd-rhj?pin=3935269285934>

### **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:**

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| Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)                   | Director, Centers of Excellence                                           | James Rhoden, Chair       |
| 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                |
| Family and Consumer Mental Health Organizations                            | Senior Director of Public Policy, Mental Health Association of Maryland   | Dan Martin                |
| 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              |
| 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

Tatiana Reyes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, GOCPP

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Guests:

Robin Yasinow, Advocate, NAMI Montgomery County

Richard Lewis, Coordinator of Special Programs, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks: James Rhoden**

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Acceptance of meeting minutes from May 19, 2025

**II. Report from CIT Center of Excellence (CITCE): Rachel Ames**

- A. Administrative Updates
  - a. GOCPP Staff
    - i. As a result of Hallie Persell's departure from GOCPP, the GOCPP Research, Analysis, and Evaluation division is supporting CoE's data-related efforts
    - ii. Following Bethany Young's departure from GOCPP, June Chung has joined GOCPP as Director of Policy and Legislation
  - b. CPIC Membership
    - i. CPIC remains fully appointed; most appointment terms end in 2026, so new appointments and reappointments can be expected prior to the start of FY27 (July 1, 2026)
  - c. Annual Report to General Assembly
    - i. CoE successfully combined CITCE and BHPSCoE legislative reports in 2024
    - ii. The combined report is due December 1, 2025
- B. Progress Updates: Legislative Requirements
  - a. Development and monitoring of a statewide CIT model program
    - i. Technical Assistance
      - 1. CIT Coordinators FY2026 Strategic Agenda
      - 2. Curriculum Alignment Review (Target Completion: Start of FY26 Q2)
      - 3. Resource Development
        - a. Database for Instructors (In Progress)
        - b. Role Play Scenarios (In Progress)
        - c. CIT Coordinator Guide (In Progress)
        - d. Template MOU
        - e. Template CIT In-Service Program Approval Application
    - ii. Centralized Communication
      - 1. Newsletter
      - 2. Calendar
      - 3. Rosters

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4. CIT Collaborative for Law Enforcement launching November 4, 2025 at (In-Person) CIT Coordinators Meeting
- iii. Data and Evaluation
  1. CIT Landscape Analysis Report available on CoE webpage
  2. CIT Training and Impact Analysis rollout began with first cohorts in July 2025
- b. Stakeholder Engagement and SIM Initiative
  - i. Statewide Summit: September 9-10
  - ii. Jurisdictional Mappings and Follow-Up
    1. Completed in 2025: Allegany, Washington, St. Mary's, and Frederick Counties
    2. Planning for 2026: Howard, Garrett, Cecil, and Baltimore Counties

### III. Open Forum

- A. Outcome measures and evaluation processes for the Centers of Excellence
  - a. CoE will develop a form to solicit open feedback from CPIC members
- B. Recommendations for the implementation of the crisis intervention model program at the municipal, county, and state levels
  - a. Shared definitions for "program" and other CIT roles across agencies
  - b. Coordination with MPCTC
    - i. Specific calls to action:
      1. List of of exempted/certified instructors to provide to CIT Coordinators
      2. Endorsement of future updates to curriculum, resources (such as template application)
      3. MPCTC presentation at CIT Coordinators meeting
      4. Instructor school for CIT Coordinators
      5. Partnership on recertification standards to accompany the curriculum
    - ii. Additional discussion:
      1. Members are interested in exploring CIT data collection that tracks call resolution without reliance on self-reporting
      2. BHA is tracking a significant number of situations wherein individuals with mental illness are incurring additional charges while in custody; BHA is exploring how to address this concern
        - a. Members point out varying protocols across jurisdictions
          - i. In some jurisdictions, booking (i.e., "outside the cell") and corrections (i.e., "inside the cell") are wholly distinct; in other instances, these simply denote differences in assignment that are executed by any assigned correctional officer
          - ii. Members maintain that effective training is tailored to the audience and depends upon subject matter expertise
          - iii. Members agree on a need to explore this issue, given that the principles of CIT can and should apply at any point of contact

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with officers to ensure the benefits of the model continue even past the point of arrest or incarceration

1. CoE will consider identifying a representative from local corrections to attend CPIC meetings
2. Captain Satinsky suggested a presentation by Ben Stevenson from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Clinical Assessment and Triage Services (CATS) team housed within the detention center

c. Partnership with NAMI

i. Specific calls to action:

1. Endorsement of curriculum
2. Endorsement of local presenters by NAMI Maryland (as part of instructor list)

**VII. Next Steps, James Rhoden**

- A. The final 2025 meeting is set for Nov 17 from 1-3pm (virtual); calendar invites have been sent
- B. Contact Rachel Ames at [rachel.ames@maryland.gov](mailto:rachel.ames@maryland.gov) with any further questions or concerns

**VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment, James Rhoden**