

Chapter 236 – THE COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

236.01 – Membership

- (A) The Community Crisis Response Advisory Board shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members: nine (9) members who serve as appointed community representatives in a personal capacity and six (6) members who serve as designated professional representatives in an official capacity.
- (B) The appointed community representatives serving in their personal capacity shall serve without compensation for a term of three (3) years, except that the terms of the initial board members shall be four (4) members for two (2) years, and five (5) members for three (3) years. Members shall hold their seats on the Board until their successors are chosen, qualified, and installed.
- (C) The President of Council and the Mayor or their delegates shall collaborate to establish and advertise an open application process to identify these applicants. All shall be qualified electors of the city.
- (D) Of these original appointments, the Mayor and City Council shall each select four (4) members, two (2) of whom shall serve two-year terms and two (2) of whom shall serve three-year terms. The designation of an initial two- or three-year term shall be assigned by the appointing authority at the time of nomination. In addition to these eight (8) original community representative appointments, the Mayor and the President of Council shall jointly appoint a chairperson, who shall also be a community representative serving in a personal capacity, to serve an initial three-year term. The Mayor and City Council shall ensure the Board is representative of the diverse Columbus community as provided for in Section 220 of the Columbus City Charter.
- (E) The designated professional representative members of the Board serving in their official capacity, to provide expertise and support coordination across the ecosystem, shall be:
 - a. Up to 3 representatives of the collective bargaining units representing city employees that most provide community crisis response services, one each, recommended by the units, and designated by the Mayor with the consent of the Board Chair.
 - b. Up to 3 representatives of area organizations that provide, manage, or fund community services related to behavioral health, homelessness, crisis response, one each, designated by the Mayor with the consent of the Board Chair.
- (F) When vacancies occur due to death, resignation, disqualification, or other means, those vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the original appointing authority.
- (G) Members shall be disqualified from service for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or misconduct in office. Removal of a member for these reasons shall be at the discretion of the Mayor. The member subject to removal shall have the right to appeal to City Council.
- (H) The Mayor, or a departmental designee, shall provide staff support to the Board to the extent practical and necessary in relation to planning programs, budgets, and priorities, as well as retaining public records and issuing public meeting notices. Council President may appoint an employee of Council to facilitate communications with the Commission, liaise between the Commission and Council, and otherwise assist the Commission as needed.

236.02 – Organization

- (A) Within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the effective date of this ordinance, the Board shall meet and organize under the leadership of an appointed chairperson and elect a vice-chairperson. Following the completion of the first term of the appointed chairperson of the Board, the Board shall annually elect from its membership a chairperson who shall preside over its meetings and a vice-chairperson who shall serve in the absence of the chairperson.
- (B) The Board shall adopt by-laws or rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its business which shall include provisions for regular or special meetings, voting procedures, amendment of its by-laws or rules, minutes of meetings, how to accept public comment, or any other procedural matters the Board deems necessary to regulate the conduct of its business. Where the by-laws are silent, questions of parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- (C) The Board shall meet at such times as may be necessary to carry out its business, provided that at least one meeting be conducted each quarter in a calendar year. All meetings of the Board shall be public meetings in accordance with the general laws of the state of Ohio pertaining to the requirements of open meetings of public bodies. Meeting minutes and records shall be maintained in accordance with the general laws of the state of Ohio pertaining to public records.

236.03 – Duties

The duties of the Community Crisis Response Advisory Board shall be as follows:

- (A) To make initial recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and applicable city departments and offices on the implementation of Sections 218-221 of the Columbus City Charter;
- (B) To review current programming, policies, and data related to alternative responses to emergency calls for service, including annual evaluations and continuous improvement reports that involve analysis of volume and types of calls received, call diversion, triage, risk assessment, service provision and usage, demographics, and response times, and share findings with the Mayor and City Council;
- (C) To review current and project future trends in the field of community crisis response and advise the city on best practices in the field;
- (D) To review and advise the city on the annual operating budget for community crisis response services;
- (E) To advise the Mayor and City Council on proactive public outreach regarding community crisis response;
- (F) To perform such other duties not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter, this chapter, or as may be required of the Board by ordinance.