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Re: Response to BHUAC Recommendations from April 2016 Meeting

April 2016 Committee Votes and Recommendations

The BHUAC reviewed Standard Operating Procedure #3-2 and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Under #2, add the word “minimum” to read “Officers must meet the following minimum qualifications to apply for the position:”
- 2) Also under #2, add “Strong collaborative skills” to list of minimum qualifications
- 3) Change all references of “Project Respond clinicians” to “clinicians” throughout document
- 4) Change all references of “client” or “consumer” to “individual” throughout document
- 5) Change all references of “social service resources” to “community resources” throughout document
- 6) Under #3, Remove the 3rd sentence and bullet points and replace with the following: “Portland Police Bureau has a strong commitment to ensuring BHRT officers and clinicians attend the following training based on availability and funding:
 - Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Civil Commitment Investigator Training
 - HIPAA and Law Enforcement
 - Threat Assessment”
- 7) Under #6 (3rd bullet) Change “Connect to community mental health services” to “Connect to appropriate community services”
- 8) Under #7 (1st sentence of 2nd paragraph) Change “mental health services” to “community services”
- 9) Under #8 MCU Officer responsibilities and #9 MCU Clinician responsibilities, add the following bullet: “Assist in engaging the individual.”
- 10) Change the order by moving the entire paragraphs #10 and #11 to follow #7 and come before #8
- 11) Under #13 (1st sentence) Change “are mentally ill.” to “have actual or perceived mental illness.”

12) Under #14 (3rd bullet) Change “a person with mental illness.” to “an individual with actual or perceived mental illness.”

RESPONSE: The BHU concurs with recommendations #1-#11 made by the BHUAC and will incorporate them into the revised SOP. Recommendation #12 involves changing a “person with mental illness” to “an individual with actual or perceived mental illness”. This paragraph specifically outlines oversight as it relates to paragraph #2 which states an officer “Must not have a sustained use of force or mistreatment complaint involving a person with a mental illness within the last three years”. This wording comes directly from the PPB agreement with the DOJ. In order to stay consistent with the DOJ agreement and with the terminology in paragraph #2 the BHU will use “a person with mental illness” in paragraph #14.