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Re: Response to BHUAC Recommendations from May 2016 Meeting

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### **May 2016 Committee Votes and Recommendations**

The BHUAC voted and approved the ECIT training as it stands with the following recommendations:

- 1) The content of the Trauma Informed Care should be tied into the learning objectives of the Family Panel and be scheduled (when possible) prior to the Family Panel.
- 2) No observers should be allowed to observe the ECIT Training unless there is a significant change made to classes or content or a new BHUAC member comes on board.
- 3) Invite ECIT officers to the committee to share feedback and experience on the ground using skills learned during training
- 4) New classes or material that may be added to future ECIT Trainings could be “taught” or presented to the committee as was previously done with the Trauma Informed Care class.

#### **RESPONSE:**

1. ***The BHU will review the learning objectives of Trauma Informed Care and the Family Panel in an effort to ensure they support each other. Although scheduling is often done around instructor/participant availability, when possible the BHU will schedule Trauma Informed Care first.***
2. ***The BHU appreciates the thoughtful conversation around the negative impact observers can have in the training environment and the need to balance a positive learning environment with the committee members (or others) need to observe training. We support the committee’s recommendation to limit observers at ECIT training.***
3. ***The BHU will plan on inviting ECIT officers to a future meeting to share their experiences and practical application of the training they received.***
4. ***The BHU concurs with the committee that an option to observing training would be to present any new classes to the committee as if they were the***

***students. This will allow the committee to give immediate feedback on a class. This did work successfully with the Trauma Informed Care class.***

The BHUAC recommended the BHU develop a special opportunity at the Training Facility for members of the community to observe the content and instructors of the ECIT Training, as if they were officers, in order to build trust with the community and demystify what happens in training.

***RESPONSE: The BHU is willing to work with the Training Division on any plan that includes providing police training to members of the public in an effort to help educate the public on what occurs in police training and assist in building community trust.***

The BHUAC reviewed and approved Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #1-4 for the BHU Crime Analyst position with the following recommendation:

- 1) add “and protected” to the Policy to read: The Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) has the responsibility to ensure statistical data is reliable, valid and protected.”

***RESPONSE: The BHU concurs with the recommendation from the BHUAC on SOP#1-4 and will apply the change to the final version.***