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Chair, Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee (BHUAC)

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Re: Response to BHUAC Recommendations from June 2016 Meeting

## June 2016 Committee Votes and Recommendations

The BHUAC voted and approved to accept the proposed changes to SOP #1-3 with the following additional changes:

- In the Policy section, first sentence; remove "or drug or alcohol abuse" after "mental illness" to read "The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator will have a primary role in the Portland Police Bureau's response to individuals who are experiencing behavioral crises that may result from mental illness."
- In the Procedure section #1, first sentence; replace "mission" with "role", "citizen" with "persons", and "suspected" with "perceived" to read: "The role of the CIT Coordinator is to develop training and resources in support of the Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team to identify and assist persons having frequent contact with police due to known or perceived mental illness."
- In the Procedure section #2 change the first sentence to read, "The position of CIT Coordinator will be filled by an officer..."

RESPONSE: The BHU concurs with the recommendation from the BHUAC on SOP#1-3 and will apply the change to the final version.

The BHUAC voted and approved to accept the proposed changes to SOP #2-1 with the following additional changes:

• In the Purpose section, first sentence; add "and the referral process" to the end of the sentence to read: "To define the BHU Electronic Referral System (BERS), the nature of

- the information it contains, and protection and dissemination of the information, and the referral process."
- In the Purpose section, remove the second sentence "The BHU assists people with mental illness or people in crisis."
- In the Procedure section 1A Referral Information Management # 1; replace "suspected" with "perceived" to read "Only referrals that contain information indicating an individual has a known or perceived mental illness will be accepted."
- In the Procedure section 7C Civil Commitment; replace the current language with "The
  person was civilly committed or accepted a 14-day diversion as a result of a notice of
  mental illness."
- In the Procedure section 8 remove the first sentence that begins "Due to limited resources...." so that the section starts with the sentence "The following are reasons the BHU....."

RESPONSE: The BHU concurs with the recommendation from the BHUAC on SOP#2.1 and will apply the change to the final version.

The BHUAC voted and approved to accept the proposed changes to SOP #1-2 with the following additional changes:

- In the Policy section, replace "mission" with "purpose", "suspected" with "perceived" and "or drug and alcohol addiction" with "and/or substance abuse" to read: "The purpose of the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) is to coordinate the response of law enforcement and the behavioral health system to aid people in behavioral crisis resulting from known or perceived mental illness and/or substance abuse."
- In the Procedure section #2 replace the current language with "The BHU will have a
  designated Central Precinct Captain (or Commander), Lieutenant, Sergeant and Service
  Coordination Team Program Manager, who will coordinate with the Training Division,
  Precinct Command, mental health system providers and community partners."

RESPONSE: The BHU concurs with the recommendation from the BHUAC on SOP#1-2 and will apply the change to the final version.