

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2018

Committee Members

Lt. Chris Wheelwright BHU; PPB, **Sgt. Todd Tackett** PPB; **Sgt. Casey Hettman** PPB; ***Ofc. Jason Jones**, PPB CIT; **Emily Rochon**, PPB SCT; **Shannon Pullen**, National Alliance on Mental Illness; ***Cristina Nieves**, Commissioner Fritz's Office; **Jan Friedman**, Disability Rights Oregon; **Kathleen Roy**, Central City Concern; ***Beth Epps**, Cascadia; ***Katie Burgard** Multnomah County Sherriff's Office; ***Mike Morris**, Oregon Health Authority Addictions & Mental Health Division; **Melanie Payne**, Bureau Of Emergency Communications, **Janie Gullickson**, Mental Health Association of Oregon (MHAO); **Leticia Sainz**, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services; ***Wyndham McNair**, Case Manager CCC; ***LeKeesha Dumas**, Coordinator Multnomah County Office of Consumer Engagement; **Cheryl Cohen**, Health Share of Oregon

Guest: BOEC Mary Clare Buckley, PPB; Tashia Hager, PPB

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Notes & Updates

This will be Shannon Pullen, Kathleen Roy and Jan Friedman's last meeting. There are new members who will start attending in the next few meetings: LeKeesha Dumas of the Office of Consumer Engagement and Cheryl Cohen of Health Share of Oregon are two. The discussion about term limits was tabled, and will be discussed at the May meeting.

February Minutes & Report

Leticia Sainz moved to accept the March minutes and Melanie Payne seconded the motion. Cheryl Cohen abstained **M/S/P** Melanie Payne moved to accept the March report, Kathleen Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Cheryl Cohen abstained. **M/S/P**

BHU success stories

The committee had asked about successes of the BHU and ECIT program. Lt. Wheelwright came to the meeting with a few stories of recent successes. They have been edited to protect those involved while being able to share the good work that is being done through the ECIT and BHU programs.

1. A person at a local community college made some alarming statements during a class and BHU was contacted. A team went out and spoke to him. Thanks to a prior encounter that he had with BHU, the current team was able to build on that and make a good connection with him. He was willing to work with the team and is now doing well and in a much better place.

2. In March a 10 year old with autism was threatening to jump from an overpass. ECIT officers worked closely with each other to talk him off the bridge and get him the help he needed.

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3. In February a male was suicidal over child support payments and was barricaded in his house with firearms with his child. ECIT officers consulted with CNT and SERT and the communications team and were able to build a rapport with him. They were able to talk him out of the residence and get everyone to safety. Many guns and a crossbow were found inside the house.

4. A distraught girlfriend called in about her boyfriend who had been on a weeklong drinking binge. The ECIT officers on the scene, with coordination from the communications team were able to slow everything down and build a rapport with the boyfriend. They were able to get him to come out and go to the hospital despite him asking the police to shoot him numerous times.

BHU Livability Presentation from March meeting.

There was a question as to how the BHUAC could help support this project. They moved to accept the proposal that:

The BHUAC supports BHU's continued collaboration and development with its community partners of its livability & de-escalation presentation. **M/S/P**

Status Report

Shannon felt it made more sense to call it a status report than tie it to a specific year. This was the best way to capture what has been covered over the last year for the new members and a reminder for those who are still here.

There has only been one status report, which was required by the DOJ agreement 240 days after the signing. It is not required to submit this report but this helps make it clear what the BHUAC has been doing.

There were a few clerical items to change in the report and following suggestions and discussion by the group, it was suggested that language in the sentence under "Police Contact...person who may be mental ill or experiencing a mental health crisis" mirror the language in 850.20 and the DOJ agreement. Also Shannon will add anything from the report in December and email the members with the update.

Kathleen Roy moved to accept the status report and Leticia Sainz seconded the motion **M/S/P**

The meeting was then adjourned early for a proper sendoff of the members who are leaving.

The next BHUAC meeting will be on May 23rd, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct, 11th floor BHU Meeting Room.