

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2019

Committee Members

Lt. Casey Hettman PPB BHU; **Ofc. Jim Stegemeyer** PPB CIT; **Emily Rochon**, PPB SCT; **Beth Epps**, Cascadia; **Capt. Nicholas Jarmer** Multnomah County Sherriff's Office; ***Cissie Bollinger**, Oregon Health Authority (OHA); ***Melanie Payne**, Bureau Of Emergency Communications (BOEC), **Janie Gullickson**, Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon (MHAAO); ***Leticia Sainz**, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services; **LaKeesha Dumas**, Office of Consumer Engagement-Multnomah County Mental Health & Addictions Services Division; **Juliana Wallace**, Unity; ***Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier**, POC Led Cross Disability Coalition; ***Sgt. Benson Weinberger**, PPB BHU; ***Sgt. Stephen Mirau**, PPB BHU; ***Kathleen Roy** Central City Concern

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Report & Minutes

September Minutes – Juliana Wallace motioned to approve and Emily Rochon seconded. Capt. Jarmer and LaKeesha Dumas abstained. **M/S/P.**

September Report – Beth Epps motioned to approve and Juliana Wallace seconded. Capt. Jarmer and LaKeesha Dumas abstained. **M/S/P.**

Note: Currently there are 11 voting members with 6 required for a quorum. (Sworn PPB are non-voting)

New Members

New member, Winta Johannes, who was listed on the agenda has resigned from the BHUAC. She doesn't currently have the time required to serve effectively on the committee. Lt. Hettman will connect with City Hall to identify another candidate to represent City Government on the committee.

Additionally, a new AMR representative is needed. Tim Case has moved to Washington County and is no longer at AMR. Lt. Hettman will reach out to AMR about his replacement.

Updates

MHAAO Fundraising Event Cancelled

The Community Room which was to host the event is permanently closing. A new date will be set for mid-January. Prepaid tickets for the event will be honored.

BHU/BHRT Updates

Lt. Hettman had no new BHU/BHRT updates to report.

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Presentation

ECIT Training Program - November 5-8, 2019

Officer Jim Stegemeyer, CIT Coordinator, presented an overview of the upcoming ECIT Training Program. Attendees will receive 40 hours of in-depth training over 4 days. The core class of the program is titled "Crisis Response for ECIT" scheduled for 6 hours of training. Site visits on Day 2 will include Unity, Arbor Place, North Star, and Golden West. The final day will include 6 hours of practical training w/ ECIT Scenarios within the Police Bureau Training Division's Scenario Village.

A committee member suggested that future ECIT training programs include information about the system in place after a patient enters the hospital on a hold. Discussion continued about the complex process, including State and County agreements and understandings. It was noted that expanded training on this subject is now presented in Advanced Academy.

Lt. Hettman reported that 37 people applied for the ECIT Training Program with space for 20 available. The value and need for the program is recognized. Last year 17 applied. Lt. Hettman noted that there is no financial incentive for officers to seek this training.

A committee member asked what is the most useful for community members to bring to the Consumer Panel Discussion on Day 2 of the program. Discussion focused on the value of bringing information that officers can take away from the session and put to use. Maximize information that officers can use/understand in their job. Punctuating the information with a personal story would be great, but bring solid examples of what worked, what didn't work. Ensure that there is something the officers can use to make a positive impact.

Discussion

Develop draft plan for increased BHUAC community engagement

Questions & ideas raised during brainstorming session included:

- What is the goal of BHUAC community engagement?
 - Inform about work and focus of the BHUAC Committee.
 - Seek feedback from the community. What topics would community members like to see on the BHUAC agenda?
- Improve BHUAC transparency and community engagement
 - Updated list of committee member names/agencies
 - Publish meeting agendas, minutes, and bylaws
 - Publish Calendar of Events on the BHUAC Community Engagement website
 - Schedule regular public meetings to inform the community about the committee's work and activities and seek community feedback.
- Kick-Off Community Engagement Meeting
 - Propose one-hour Kick-Off Community Engagement meeting at PCCEP, first quarter 2020.

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- Lt. Hettman and Janie Gullickson volunteered to represent the committee at the first Kick-Off meeting. They will report back on community response to the initial meeting with recommendations for future meeting.
- Create a BHUAC Power Point presentation for the Kick-Off meeting. Lt. Hettman volunteered to put together the PPT slides. Suggestions for slides included:
 - BHUAC Mission statement, focus, overview of past, current, and future activities
 - Clarify BHUAC's role as an advisory committee to the PPB Behavioral Health Unit.
 - History of the committee, including significant accomplishments
 - Walkthrough of the BHUAC website with screenshots (portlandoregon.gov/police/68666). How to navigate the website, find meeting agendas, meeting minutes, meeting summaries, and upcoming events.
 - How to propose agenda items to the committee and/or provide feedback
 - Pictures of committee members, bios, etc.
- Going forward, after the Kick-Off meeting
 - Schedule sessions at PCCEP 2 x yearly, and 2 x quarterly at other community forums
 - Plan meetings 6 months to 1 year in advance. Develop a signup sheet for committee members to rotate coverage at the meetings.
 - Notes about agenda items included:
 - Q&A or feedback? What do community members want to share with the committee reps to bring to next BHUAC meeting?
 - Keep agenda topics directly related to BHU, not DOJ, police shootings, walk-in centers etc. Keep focused on BHU line of the mission statement.
 - Collaboration with BOEC, ECIT officers

Formal Response to the Mental Health Alliance

Janie Gullickson reported that there was no direct response to the BHUAC letter sent out via email. A committee member reported there was discussion about the letter along with some concern about minimal community engagement of the BHUAC at the PCCEP meeting on October 22.

Additional notes from PCCEP meeting

- The need for educating community members about how to make calls and asking the right questions for ECIT. Create INFO Graphic to hand out at PCCEP? Exactly how do you access an ECIT officer?
- The HUCIRP process is for reporting a homeless camps. Requesting that an unwanted person be trespassed or moved along is not a HUCIRP process. More community education is needed about the HUCIRP process. Possible educational road trip to Rose City, Rosewood Initiatives, Gresham to meet with community members.

**The next meeting will be December 4, 2019
2-4 PM on the 11th floor of the Justice Center**