

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2020

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 (MHA AO); 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; *Mary Claire Buckley, PPB Office of Inspector General.**

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Report & Minutes

December Minutes – Beth Epps motioned to approve with edits and Janie Gullickson seconded. Cissie Bollinger and Leticia Sainz abstained. **M/S/P.**

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Updates

PPB Changes / New PPB Chief of Police

Sgt. Mirau updated the committee on recent changes in the Chief's Office. Jami Resch is Chief of Police, Chris Davis is Deputy Chief, and Mike Frome is the Assistant Chief of Operations.

BHU/BHRT Updates

Emily Rochon reported that SCT Officer Sean Christian retires on January 30, 2020. Sean has been with BHU since 2013. PPB Officer Josh Sparks will step into the SCT role. Officer Sparks will bring a lot of relevant experience to the role, including lengthy experience in the Street Crimes Unit. Officer Sparks already knows the majority of SCT current and eligible clients and he is well respected on the street.

BHRT/ECIT Case Presentation

BHRT team Officer Chase Bryson and Clinician Elaina Lecher presented the case of their client "Jennifer." The referral originally came from an officer dispatched on a welfare check. Her Employment Assistance Program/EAP through her employer requested the welfare check on Jennifer due to perceived homicidal threats she was making. The officer was able to make contact with Jennifer by cell phone but was unable to locate her as she was travelling around in a vehicle at the time. She denied being homicidal but talked about wanting to drive her own car off the road. She also told the officer that she would rather speak with the Multnomah County Crisis Line.

Bryson/Lecher met with Jennifer at her place of employment. They found Jennifer to be extremely suicidal with a detailed plan for suicide. She presented with a flat affect, totally without emotion. She

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mentioned her life insurance policy. Lecher reported that in her 5-6 years' experience working with Project Respond, she had never seen such a detailed plan for suicide. Bryson/Lecher assessed Jennifer's suicide risk as very high.

Jennifer articulated that she has a good job but her bills are unpaid and seriously delinquent. She stated that she is extremely disorganized and depressed. Bryson/Lecher offered their help connect her to resources. . Their first step was to help her set up a budget and brought her a Dave Ramsey book to look at. Bryon/Lecher were able to support her in getting a scholarship to the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University.

Bryson/Lecher planned to set her up with services but feared she was too disorganized to follow through. Lecher reached out to help Jennifer connect with her doctor and a counselor. Bryson/Lecher worked with Jennifer over a period of several months. Jennifer reported good progress getting organized and taking control of her life and finances. BHRT intervention proved to be very helpful for this client. After budget training and follow-up, Jennifer was assessed as no longer a high risk for suicide.

Presentations

Leneice Rice, Community Engagement Specialist for the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), gave an overview of LPSCC's mission to coordinate Multnomah County criminal justice policy to improve collaboration and to coordinate public safety plans, policies, operations, and strategies and identify gaps in services.

Ms. Rice described the John D and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation national initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. As part of this initiative, LPSCC and Bridges to Change are seeking new members for a community-based advisory board to help guide planning and oversight of the Diane Wade House, a transitional housing program for adult African American women involved in the Criminal Justice system.

Dates for upcoming LPSCC meetings are posted on the LPSCC website (multco.us/lpsc). Meetings are open to public. Ms. Rice stated that LPSCC community engagement efforts have shifted and evolved. The current focus is on pre-trial assessment and tracking the rapid evaluations process. Is it helping?

Discussion

Draft BHUAC community engagement plan

1. Edit to remove PCCEP as the location of the one-hour Kick-Off meeting. An alternative location will be determined. The edited sentence now reads: "Propose one-hour Kick-Off Community Engagement meeting first quarter 2020."
2. Edit the bullet point list pertaining to meetings after the Kick-Off meeting to remove reference to PCCEP and correct the frequency of meetings. The edited bullet point now reads:
 - "Schedule sessions quarterly (four times per year) at other community forms."

Discussion continued about possible locations for the Kick-Off Community Engagement Meeting.

LPSCC meetings are primarily attended by law enforcement professionals, criminal justice agencies

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and community service organization staff/volunteers. The Community Peace Collaborative (CPC) is the most outward-facing forum with the community and may be a good platform for BHUAC. Janie Gullickson will reach out to CPC. Dates and forums for the 2020 BHUAC Community Engagement presentations still need to be finalized.

BHUAC Goals for 2020 and topics of interest and areas of training for BHUAC in 2020.

1. Recommend sending the quarterly BHU Newsletter as part of outreach to community groups.
 - Find out if BHUAC contact info is included on the BHU newsletter. Recommend that BHUAC website URL is included in the newsletter.
 - Submit a blurb about BHUAC for the next newsletter.
2. BHUAC is looking for new committee members. Janie and Casey will be meeting with Laura Rose Lazarus from Oregon Peer Legislative Action Team, Janie will ask Laura Rose for her recommendations on possible new members. Specific organizations are required to be on the BHUAC committee. Most required organizations are represented on BHUAC. Need to find a representative from the commissioner's office. Representative from the commissioner's office must be a city government official.
3. Will be getting update on the DOJ Settlement soon and find out if PPB will be going into the maintenance phase and how that will affect BHUAC.
4. Ask Frank Silva to come back in February with a data report.

**The next meeting will be February 26, 2020
2-4 PM on the 11th floor of the Justice Center**