

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2020

Committee Members

Lt. Casey Hettman, PPB BHU; ***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, DRO (Disability Rights Oregon) Representative/Disability Refugee Community of Oregon**; Sgt. Benson Weinberger, PPB BHU; ***Sgt. Stephen Mirau, PPB BHU**; Mary Claire Buckley, PPB Office of Inspector General; Jill Archer, Care Oregon; Grant Hartley, Multnomah Public Defender's Office; ***Robert King, Commissioner's Staff Representative**

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Report & Minutes

June Minutes – Jill Archer motioned to approve and Melanie Payne seconded. **M/S/P.**

June Report – Beth Epps motioned to approve and Juliana Wallace seconded. **M/S/P.**

Updates

- **Jim Stegemeyer is retiring – CIT Coordinator**
His involvement with BHUAC and the value of conveying his role and the BHUAC's role to the public was important and much appreciated.
- **Chase Bryson – New CIT Coordinator**
Was previously in the role of BHRT Officer.
- **New BHU Officer** – Zach Nell, a patrol officer from Central Precinct who previously filled in for a BHRT officer for several months while on family leave, has obtained the role of BHRT Officer full time and will be transitioning into the unit soon.

Committee Work:

- **Review BHUAC Bylaws (last updated 2017)**
Article 2 - Mission Statement needs to be updated regarding settlement agreement language.
Article 7 – Consideration of removal of certain portions that are no longer applicable (monthly reports would still occur as mandated from original settlement agreement).
Compare 2013 & 2017 bylaws for final edits of 2020 bylaws
- **Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) Reviews (BHRT Sgt., Threat Assessment Sgt.)**
A committee member suggested portioning out the percentage of tasks being completed on a daily/weekly basis.
A committee member suggested that there should be clarification on co-supervision language and more detail added.

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The committee agreed that edits would be made accordingly for review prior to the next scheduled meeting for a vote by the committee.

- **BHUAC Committee Members Review**

Committee members discussed how long they had served on the committee and talked over the current represented community and the potential for new members. There was a suggestion that possibly a new substance abuse provider representative on the BHUAC Committee would be of benefit. There was also discussion of potentially having new individuals from current entities represented step in as replacements for a fresh perspective.

Discussion

- **Current National/Local events related to policing concerns**

The Committee discussed the continued reduction of non-sworn personnel in the physical office space through the remainder of the year due to COVID-19 precautions.

As a result of this, Officer/Clinician teams have been creative and solution-oriented to maintain collaboration and continue to work with clientele. Examples include, meeting individuals outdoors to assess their needs or contacting the individual by phone.

Due to budget constraints, the BHU officers are having to adjust their schedules, so as not to have overtime. Due to continued nightly demonstrations, BHU sworn members are occasionally being pulled away from their primary work.

- **August 26, 2020 BHUAC Meeting**

The Committee conferred regarding our next scheduled BHUAC meeting. It was confirmed that a number of committee members would be on vacation at various times throughout the month of August and all members in attendance were in agreement that the August meeting would be cancelled and we would reconvene again on September 23, 2020.

**The next meeting will be September 23, 2020
2-4 PM via Zoom Meeting**