



PCCEP Behavioral Health Subcommittee Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 6:30-8:00p

Via Zoom

Members Present

Amy Anderson Chair, Ann Campbell, Andrea LaRoche, Vadim Mozyrsky, Taji Chesimet, Lakayana Drury, Marcia Perez

Public

34 Participants

Minutes

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introductions – Amy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PCCEP members and community members provide personal introductions.• Zoom instructions-Judith<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Let's community members know the meeting is being recorded.○ A boarder discussion as a full board will be needed regarding future subcommittee meetings being recorded.• Review Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Last minute changes were made to the agenda given the guest speaker from the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) could not attend due to the need for officers needing to be downtown during this time.○ Taji Chesimet from the PCCEP Youth Subcommittee will be presenting on the work the Youth have been doing.○ BHU will be back in July to present.
PCCEP Youth Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taji shares the Youth subcommittee current draft of Recommendation they have crafted.• A restorative Justice Recommendation from the perspective of youth.• Will be hosting a Youth-Police action meeting on June 11th at 5pm.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In collaboration with 22 community organizations.• A background on restorative justice is provided.• Background on the Criminal Justice system:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ state vs offender○ focus on broken law rather than harm○ little space for victim• Restorative Justice: focus on relationships and harm caused / impacts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ stakeholders are asked to respond○ equity of voice



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ humanity ● Criminal Justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What laws have been broken? ○ Who broke these laws? ○ How should we punish the lawbreaker? ● Restorative Justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who has been harmed? ○ How can these harms be addressed or repaired? ○ Who should address or repair the harm? ● Andre provides a background on the Recommendation to Mayor Wheeler to Initiate Dialogue with Oregon’s Elected Representatives to the United States House of Representatives to Amend the Federal “Qualified Immunity” Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The intention of qualified immunity was to insulate public officials however it’s created a loophole that’s allowed egregious abuses to get through (e.g. officers stealing over \$200,00 during the execution of a search warrant and prison officials leaving in a cell full of flooding sewage for days.) ○ Question: Tie the recommendation back into behavioral health. If this recommendation is successful in changing the law, would help reduce the use of force against people suffering from behavioral health. ● Mary Claire of Portland Police Bureau (PPB) provides information behind arbitration and how works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If someone is dismissed under the union contract, they have certain rights such as the right to grieve any discipline causes and this is where the arbitration comes in and they can ask for an arbitrator and hearing. The arbitrator can overrule the decision of the chief. ○ Legislation was introduced in Salem but did not pass. That bill will be reintroduced in the next session. This will unlimited the arbitrator ability to overrule the chief or commissioners discipline decision. ○ Community can testify as an action for change. ● The press release from the Oregon Legislative People of Color Caucus Call to Action is shared to help keep the community informed on police accountability.
<p>Behavioral Health Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members of BHU who are in attendance give a brief introduction on the work BHU does. ● BHU has been working on ways they can help PPB reach compliance with the DOJ Settlement (e.g. ways to improve PPB training). ● BHU learns about how the systems interact, the systems that serve the people with mental health crisis and people living with addictions. ● Before the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police, emergency and non-emergency calls were down at the 911 center. ● BHU was curious as to the type of calls that were coming in.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing the crisis intervention team, currently everything has changed as they're working remotely. • On Saturday May 30th they took about 4,000 calls through the protest. These are numbers usually received on 4th of July. • There is a worry for the behavioral health community right now on how people are being served and supported. • Question: Has there been training for dispatcher operators on how to deal with racial motivated calls? Triage is currently being used. • Suggestion to collaborate with Civic Life and other organizations on community accountability models. Tie those calls to an educational platform. There is a partnership right now where partners can stay connected talk about these issues.
<p>Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the community engagement plan for the subcommittee with a budget of \$3,500 for community outreach. • The Behavioral Health Subcommittee seeks community input to help craft the subcommittee community engagement plan. • Public Comment – Community engagement is all about building relationships. Have the community help make decisions and identify the problems. The community knows what the problems and the solutions are. The foundation is healing those relationships. Trust needs to be created. • Future Generations Collaborative was started in 2011 as a result of Multnomah County Public Health looking into disparities. Bring resources to the table and creating miracles (e.g. free support circles). • A discussion will be held at the next behavioral health subcommittee meeting about the PCCEP Plan Exhibit 2. • Example shared of the King County Community Engagement Guide for employees and programs to promote effective engagement and customer service with all county communities. • Question – Positive or negative experiences with PPB, for future recommendations? Community experience – the police were not the first call; the Multnomah County crisis line was called and BHU came out along with the police, but the experience was positive. • Question – is there data on behavioral health engagement? PPB does track data on mental health contacts. Lt. Hetman should be presenting this data at next months meeting. • The Behavioral Health Subcommittee, Behavioral Health Unit and the Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee hope to coordinate meetings together to understand how the better serve the behavioral health community. • Question – What is stopping all of PPB in receiving the same training as the Enhance Crisis Invention (ECI) team? All officers receive 40 hours or more of ECI training. • Final Community Engagement Plan by the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) 2019-20.



Next Steps/Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps and announcements – PCCEP will be hosting a second listening session on Sunday, June 7, 2020 via Zoom.• The community is encouraged to stay connected with PCCEP through the PCCEP Updates email list. Requests to be added to the email list can be sent to PCCEPinfo@portlandoregon.gov.• Closing remarks -Amy shares insight on how to stay connected with PCCEP by visiting the PCCEP website to view minutes, agendas and meeting schedules.
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