

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

Committee Members

Lt. Tashia Hager, PPB; **Sgt. Bob McCormick**, PPB; **Sgt. Chris Burley**, PPB; **Ofc. Amy Bruner-Dehnert**, PPB; **Emily Rochon**, PPB SCT; **Shannon Pullen**, National Alliance on Mental Illness; **Bill Osborne**, Multnomah County Behavioral Health; **Cristina Nieves**, Commissioner Fritz's Office; **Felesia Otis**, Volunteers of America; **Floyd Pittman**, Community Representative; **Jan Friedman**, Disability Rights Oregon; **Joe Hagedorn**, Metropolitan Public Defender's Office; **Kathleen Roy**, Central City Concern; **Beth Epps**, Cascadia; ***Maggie Bennington-Davis**, Health Share of OR; ***Cpt. Mary Lindstrand**, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; ***Mike Morris**, Oregon Health Authority Addictions and Mental Health Division; ***Melanie Payne**, Bureau Of Emergency Communications; **Hiroshi Takeo**, Peer Support Specialist

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Updates & Notes

We have two visitors from the Training division, Emma Covelli and Jody Halia. Also Jared Hager from the US Attorney's Office will be taking over for Adrian Brown.

RALS—Ride Alongs will be put on hold during the Holiday Season. If you want to do one, please pick a date and time that you are sure you can attend as rescheduling is difficult.

Please take a few minutes and help us garner support for the SAMHSA train-the-trainer Trauma Informed Care training being brought to Oregon. Shannon will email the group with a draft letter and where to send the support for this effort.

During ECIT training Lt. Hager spoke with the Training Division about opportunities for the BHUAC members to participate in training such as the citizen academy or the training done for the COAB. The Training Division cannot do a specific class for the committee but will try to fit in members into classes they run for the CRC when they have the room.

September Minutes & Monthly Report

The October monthly report was reviewed. Bill Osborne moved to adopt the October report. Floyd Pittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

M/S/P

The October minutes will be posted on the BHU website once approved. Hiroshi pointed out a misspelled word. Kathleen Roy moved to adopt the changes and approve the October minutes. Christina Nieves seconded the motion, Felesia Otis & Joe Hagedorn abstained.

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Upcoming Agenda Items

There is a lot of work ahead of us that will be time sensitive. We will attempt to make the next year interesting and productive. Lt. Tashia Hager looked at the report card from the DOJ and went to the spots that are directly related to BHUAC:

#98 requires review of advanced academy CIT training. The committee reviewed this training prior to the first ECIT training in 2013, however this review was not adequately captured in reports as it was completed prior to the signing of the DOJ agreement. ECIT refresher training will also be a priority as the first class was 2013. Part of the challenge will be scheduling Training in 2016 as In-service training has already been moved due to budget constraints.

#101 ECIT Criteria for Qualification Selection and Participation. This topic was reviewed by the committee but will be added to an SOP (standard operating procedure). Included in this SOP will be oversight of the ECIT program along with oversight in the ECIT training class. The BHUAC will need to review this SOP.

#102 ECIT Training development. The committee has a lot of input to the ECIT training over the last three years. This training however will be a topic the committee will need to periodically review as future ECIT classes are scheduled.

#108 BHU response teams. The criteria for qualification, selection and ongoing participation will be written into an SOP and need to be reviewed by the BHUAC.

#109 BHRT training. This topic was reviewed by the BHUAC in an existing SOP. This SOP is scheduled to be reviewed this year.

#111 Transfer of Custody. This topic will likely be reviewed as a part of policy. As more information comes up we will bring it to the committee for input.

#113 BOEC Police and Procedures. Triaging calls and protocol for the Multnomah County Crisis Line

#114 Training BOEC call Takers. This covers dispatch training of mental health calls. We will be addressing BOEC training during the first part of the year.

We will try to break up pieces of the above items during multiple meetings so we aren't looking at one issue per meeting. It might be easier to tackle the deep issues ahead of us this way.

We also need to review In-Service 2016 classes. The Training Division was moving forward with two classes recommended by the BHUAC, policy updates and juvenile systems. In-service has been postponed until June 2016 so we have a few months to get to this subject.

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There are specific action items that will be addressed in reviewing the SOP's however all SOP's will need to be reviewed this year as they are coming up on their review dates. We will find time to get Frank Silva in with a presentation on data as previously requested by the committee.

The BHUAC has also expressed an interest in looking at system issues. Members were asked to identify other topics that should be on the list for the committee to address. On page 24 of the DOJ report card there is a mention of the COCL/COAB getting information on meaningful training. The question was raised about how these committees talk to each other. The Training Division also has a committee that is working on processes to communicate with committees that may be discussing the same topics. Emma Covelli (Training Division) offered to send information on any process this committee came up with however this is still a work in progress. The information from the BHUAC is brought to the Training Divisions meeting through BHU. BHUAC recommendations also go into the needs assessment done by the Training Division. Emma Covelli offered to send the needs assessment to the BHUAC. She said the Training Division is very aware of the BHUAC and its role in reviewing ECIT/CIT training and policy.

This started a discussion on how the members can promote this committee and be a bridge between both BHUAC and the community they are representing. It was suggested that members can speaking about their experiences on the committee, take information back to their constituent groups and do outreach. Some members are going to the COCL/COAB meetings. There are subcommittees of the COAB that might be more relevant than the general meetings. The BHUAC already voted to have Beth Epps represent the BHUAC at the COAB subcommittee on mental health.

BHU brochures and handouts were passed around. Please take a look at these and suggest any updates that need to be made before they are reprinted.

Being able to request an ECIT officer is a big piece of information that needs to get out to the community. Many do not know it's an option, or WHEN it should be use. Getting this information out there and educating people is a must. The BHU participates in numerous presentations and outreach however is willing to do more. This brought up the discussion of gaps in the system. The committee will look at this on a later date.

Observations from ECIT Training

Members of the BHUAC rotated through the recent ECIT training. Each person spent some time talking about what portion of the training they observed and their impression of the training. The overall consensus was that the training has progressed over time and was excellent. At least two members stated a desire to have that quality of training within their own organization. A few of the comments were that it was an improvement from the last training, trainers were very engaged and the people in the class were all respectful.

The discussion then turned again to how is this committee able to get the word out on the good work that is done by BHU? How is it best to promote and do outreach?

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It was also pointed out that there is a need to acknowledge that we are still addressing issues and there needs to be a systemic accountability on a larger scale that includes everyone (hospitals, police, community and government).

The committee will address formal recommendations for the ECIT Training after all committee members have shared their experiences in a subsequent meeting.

Next Up:

Please remember that this meeting is the 4th Wednesday of every month (except November/December meeting it is on December 7, 2016). Please put it on your calendar today and Shannon Pullen will send out a new schedule.

**The next BHUAC Meeting will take place on
January 27th at 2:00 PM at the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct, 11th Floor,
Behavioral Health Unit Meeting Room**