

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016

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; **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 & Mental Health Division; ***Melanie Payne**, Bureau Of Emergency Communications; ***Hiroshi Takeo**, Peer Support Specialist; **Janie Marsh**, Mental Health America of Oregon, **Cmdr. Chris Davis**, Portland Police Bureau

Guest: **Jessica Polanski**, United States Attorney's Office & **Adrian Brown**, United States Attorney's Office

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

August Report & August Minutes

The August minutes were discussed. Felisia Otis moved that the minutes be accepted and Bill Osborne seconded the motion. Mike Morris abstained. The motion passed.

M/S/P

The August report was reviewed Kathleen Roy moved that the report is approved and Floyd Pittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

M/S/P

Updates

The Oregon CIT Summit will be going on November 2nd & 3rd at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem. November 3rd event is open to public safety professionals, mental health advocates & BHU practitioners.

ECIT training will be held December 13th -16th at the training division. More information on this and the needs for panel members as the date nears.

Oregon Performance Plan

Mike Morris gave a presentation on the Oregon Performance Plan. This presentation was an overview of the plan developed by OHA in collaboration with the USDOJ. The primary goals of the plan are to increase community integrated treatment and decrease institutional care. The goal is to improve the way adults with severe and persistent mental illness transition to integrated community-based treatment from higher levels of care and to increase crisis services and community-based supports to

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avoid incarceration and unnecessary hospitalization. The main points covered were Mobile Crisis, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Supported Housing, Peer Delivered Services, Supported Employment, Criminal Justice Diversion, Secure Residential Treatment Facilities, Emergency Departments, Acute Psychiatric Care, and the Oregon State Hospital.

The presentation led to several questions and conversations with the advisory committee across numerous topics. These conversations were centered on how OHA plans to track progress, the plan to decrease the length of stay in beds versus any plan to decrease beds, the use of data and how the OHA developed benchmarks (such as how the appropriate length of stay was determined), any plans to increase the amount of outreach (such as ACT teams), challenges as it relates to communication between the different system partners, the challenges of successfully implementing the plan with the current housing crisis in Portland, the role of peer specialists, the lack of including any prevention programs, promoting jail diversion and reducing the number of “aid and assist” going to the state hospital, and if there was any accountability to reaching success.

COAB

Deanna Wessen-Mitchell and Nicole Grant from the Mayor’s office spoke to the committee about the Community Oversight Advisory Board. They asked committee members for their input regarding the work of the COAB and what it should look like moving forward.

Upcoming Meeting

**September 28, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Portland Police Bureau’s Central Precinct, 11th Floor,
Behavioral Health Unit Meeting Room**