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On: April 19, 2017

Re: March 2017 BHUAC Votes and Recommendations

The BHUAC met March 22, 2017 and reviewed the following agenda:

March 2017 Meeting Agenda

- Intros and Updates
- Discussion and Vote: January and February Minutes and Report/Recommendations
- Intersection of Law Enforcement and the Community Mental Health System:
Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services Presentation and Discussion
- Discussion of Bylaws

March 2017 Important Meeting Outcomes

Based on the presentation re: Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services, we captured the following identified barriers in the mental health system:

- 1) **Mental Health Shelter** – There is need for a mental health shelter that would be open 24/7 and provide medication support and meals. It would allow mental health professionals to engage with the individuals in the shelter and refer or connect people with treatment and other services. 60% of the folks going through Unity are homeless.
- 2) **Affordable Housing** – Due to affordable housing shortages, people served by the County's Residential Services are often reluctant to leave even after they no longer need the additional services provided by these programs. That results in long wait lists for Residential Services, which in turn makes it difficult to transition people from higher, more restrictive and more expensive levels of care such as the Oregon State Hospital. The systems gets backlogged and people get stuck in inappropriate levels of care, often

to the detriment of their health. There is a need to move people through these residential programs (once they are ready) into more permanent housing so that more people can ultimately be served. There is also a need to ensure we are providing people the right treatment at the right place at the right time.

BHUAC Bylaws

The BHUAC voted to approve the following changes (in bold and underlined) to the BHUAC Bylaws:

Article 3:

The Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee membership is established and maintained solely by the Portland Police Bureau **with input from the BHUAC Chair** and shall include representation from...

Article 4:

Committee members shall serve for two years and may be appointed for an additional **two**-year term.

It shall be the responsibility of the Behavioral Health Unit leadership **with input from the BHUAC Chair** to select a replacement member.

Article 5:

The Chair term shall last two years and may be appointed for an additional **two**-year term.

Article 6:

A **simple** majority of the BHUAC's **voting** membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article 7:

The BHUAC Chair will submit a monthly report including any recommendations made by the BHUAC. The BHU Lieutenant will forward the monthly report to the appropriate parties as described in the Settlement Agreement and respond to the committee in writing regarding each recommendation.