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Re: December 6, 2017 BHUAC Votes and Recommendations

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The BHUAC met December 6, 2017 and reviewed the following agenda:

**December 2017 Meeting Agenda**

- Intros and Updates
- Discussion and vote: October Minutes and Report
- Review PPB Directives 850.22 and 850.25

**December 2017 Committee Votes and Recommendations**

**PPB Directive 850.22 Police Response to Mental Health Director's Holds and Elopement**

After reviewing PPB Directive 850.22, BHUAC recommends clarifying the definition of director so that it correctly identifies as the person who can write a directors hold the director or a designee of the director, not any director of a mental health program. Using Multnomah County's definition of "Director" and "Director's Designee" would provide sufficient clarity.

Under Policy Item 3, BHUAC recommends changing "manage custody" to "manage a person in custody" to read, "A member's ability to manage a person in custody in a safe, constructive, and humane manner is of critical importance to the involved person, the involved person's support system, community members, mental health providers, and the Police Bureau. Member shall treat the individual with dignity and compassion at all times."

## **PPB Directive 850.25 Police Response to Mental Health Facilities**

BHUAC recommends greater consistency and clarity throughout the directive in the terms used to describe mental health facilities. There seems to be a distinction at various points in the directive between facilities that are secure/non-secure, designated/non-designated, adult/non-adult and residential/non-residential. Our suggestion is that there be independent definitions for facilities that are "secure", "designated", "adult" and "residential".

Further, it appears that despite the application of the directive's policy section to all mental health facilities, there is no guidance for officers where the facility is non-designated or non-adult or non-residential. Therefore, BHUAC recommends procedures be added that describe police response to other mental health facilities referenced in the directive, including mental health facilities that are not designated residential sites, and also mental health facilities that serve people under the age of 18.