

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2019

Committee Members

A/Lt. Casey Hettman PPB BHU; **Sgt. Stephen Mirau** PPB BHU***Ofc. Jim Stegemeyer** PPB CIT; **Emily Rochon**, PPB SCT; ***Cristina Nieves**, Commissioner Fritz's Office, ***Beth Epps**, Cascadia; ***Katie Burgard** Multnomah County Sherriff's Office; **Mike Morris**, Oregon Health Authority Addictions & Mental Health Division; **Melanie Payne**, Bureau Of Emergency Communications, **Janie Gullickson**, Mental Health Association of Oregon (MHAO); ***Leticia Sainz**, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services; ***Wyndham McNair**, Case Manager CCC; **LaKeesha Dumas**, Office of Consumer Engagement-Multnomah County mental health & addictions services division; ***Cheryl Cohen**, Health Share of Oregon; ***Tim Case**, AMR; ***Juliana Wallace**, Unity; ***Kathleen Roy**, Central City Concern; **Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier**, Disability Rights Oregon

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Guests: Brody Sargent PPB EDO; BHU Clinician Sarah Attal and Officer William Kemmer

Updates

There are a number of changes in Committee members. Katie Burgard has taken another position in the Sherriff's office and Mike Morris will be retiring, this will be his last meeting.

Welcome to Sgt. Steve Mirau. He will be taking Sgt. Todd Tackett's spot within BHU and will be attending the meetings. There will also be another sergeant transitioning into BHU, Sgt. Sarah Taylor.

LaKeesha Dumas watched a police interaction the other day between a man and woman. They were yelling and the police showed up, Officer Martinez was amazing & companionate. LaKeesha asked her if she was a BHU officer and she is not. The situation was resolved without anyone going to jail.

Hettman will be going down to Eugene next week to look at the "CAHOOTS" model they have been using. It's like a mobile crisis team, but they have a medical component attached. Is it all voluntary or can they do directors holds? All voluntary transports.

December Report & Minutes

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BHU success stories

BHU update – last month one of the BHRT teams gave an update on an individual they were working with. They wanted to provide committee members with an update as to where they are currently. He has been housed for two months now and is on the list for permanent housing. The biggest issues can be that you've placed someone in housing, what next? The biggest concern was that he would get bored and decide to move back out on the street where it's not as structured. He would go visit his old living

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area and hang out with those who he knew. He was not in housing for a few days, but the supports in place worked and he is back to his apartment. He is making his appointments and they are working on getting him identification and other wrap around services. Knowing that getting someone into housing is just the first step. Maintaining services is a must.

The team was also successful in getting another woman into housing. She had a number of previous contacts and finally agreed to go to Unity. After about a week, she was able to get into housing and they are working with her to get her into a higher level of care. The coordination between everyone was seamless. STS worked the way it needed to. From seeing the call, to Unity, to STS, all supportive systems worked well.

BHU is hoping to increase the number of STS beds from 8 currently online to 12 at the end of the year. (Supportive Transitions & Stabilization).

Equity and Diversity Office (EDO)

Brody Sargent was present to give an overlook on his current position within the Bureau's Equity and Diversity Office (EDO). He is working within the EDO on the racial equity plan. As its name suggest, it looks at race equity, but it's also an intersectional plan that looks at the cross section of other groups that might also be marginalized. They want to work in partnership with all of the Bureau's advisory committees. They are short staffed, but they do want to let everyone know they are available twice a year to come to meetings.

Curious to know what the major goals are for PPB? The entire plan is online on the website. The biggest part of PPB is training and recruitment and retention needs. The racial equity plan is due on February 1st. The website will be updated by then.

Sometime after that, a presentation can be given to this committee.

BHU SOP

#3.1 Service Coordination Team

Emily Rochon suggested a few edits. They changed some of the language in the policy portion and under #3 on the second page they highlighted the STS program. STS has 66 beds contracted with Central City Concern. It consist of a Program Manager, Emily Rochon, and Officer Sean Christian. They provide a stable bed and wrap around services to individuals who have worked with a BHRT team.

The next anticipated SCT graduation will be in a couple months. "It's amazing that the City funds this program." One of the recent graduates who is now a PEER came up to Emily and asked her to get in touch with the arresting officer and wanted him to know that the officer truly saved his life by getting him into the program.

The next meeting will be on February 27th 2019 2pm - 4pm