

Portland Police Budget Advisory Committee

Date: November 21st, 2019

Attendees:

Community representatives: Fred Sanchez, Hyung Nam, Musse Olol, Anthony de los Reyes

Portland Police: Tom Perkins, Lt. Casey Hettman, Emily Rochon, AC Ryan Lee, Sgt. Ryan Brent, A/Capt. Chuck Lovell, Marlon Marion, Ken Lee, Bob Del Gizzi, Gabriela Bermudez

City Guest: Katie Shifley, CBO

Community Guests: Karen Deora, Barbara Bochinski

Opening Remarks

Assistant Chief Lee, Services Branch

There has been changeover in staff, including managers (i.e. Community Services Division, Equity and Inclusion Office). The bureau is in process of filling the vacancies with permanent assignments; there are currently interim assignments.

Budget Updates:

- The bureau shifted from 11 to 28 programs, and Fiscal is currently working with program managers to develop their program offers in accordance with the new changes.

Budget Equity Tool

- Bureaus are still pending receipt of the final tool from the Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) and the City Budget Office.
- EIO has reviewed last year's budget equity questions and responses to prepare and give idea of last year's process. They anticipate this year's tool will be similar to last, with some changes.
- Using last year's equity impact statements as a reference point for this year's program offer development.
- Given transitions within the Office, current staff did not have input on this year's tool. This is an ongoing conversation, and the EIO will be meeting with OEHR to discuss further; currently planning to include BAC for next year's Equity Tool.

Community Services Division

Presentation by Acting Captain Chuck Lovell

- This division was established in July of 2019 to house units with ongoing work with citywide community impacts. The focus is on partnering with units that partner with community organizations.
 - o Behavioral Health Unit, formerly located in Central Precinct
 - o Office of Community Engagement, formerly located in Strategic Services Division

- Newly established Homeless Community Liaison position, held by Stephanie Herro
- Much of the work in CSD centers on areas like poverty, houselessness, and food insecurity.
- Stephanie Herro partners with Home Forward, A Home for Everyone, and Multnomah County, among others, to provide community outreach, support, and resources.

Questions

What are the goals of the Division for the next six months?

- Moving forward on action items on the Community Engagement Plan (created as part of DOJ Settlement Agreement)
- Establishing a Latinx/Hispanic Advisory Council and Youth Advisory Council
 - Officer Natasha Haunsperger manages the Office of Community Engagement and provides support and guidance for the bureau's advisory bodies. She is currently working with community partners to establish two more councils.
- Establishing a budget, as there is not a budget currently allocated (Homelessness liaison, OCE are housed in the Chief's Office budget, BHU budget housed in Central Precinct). Once formally established for next fiscal year, the Division will program out official functions.

Who orders camp cleanups? Why does the Police Bureau respond?

- Campsites are typically reported through the City's One Point of Contact program.
- Once a campsite reaches a complaint threshold, it is referred to the Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program (HUCIRP), housed in the Office of Management and Finance (OMF).
- Coordinated campsite cleanup is done through HUCIRP coordinated with the Joint Office of Homeless Services/A Home for Everyone.
- Police go for security at the request of HUCIRP.
- Two weeks prior to the cleanup date, BHU and other government and community partners engage in outreach to refer individuals to services, but it's challenging given larger systemic issues around housing, etc., and oftentimes camp inhabitants relocate to other sites.

Behavioral Health Unit

Presentation by Lieutenant Casey Hettman and Emily Rochon

- BHU was established in 2013 in part to respond to the DOJ settlement agreement
- BHU organizational chart
 - Services Coordination Team (SCT)
 - Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team (ECIT)
 - Behavioral Health Response Team (BHRT)
- Emily Rochon serves as the SCT program manager, supervises one officer directly
- ECIT: all officers get 40 hrs of Crisis Intervention training, about ~180 officers have received add'l 40 hrs of enhanced crisis intervention. Those officers serve as volunteers to respond to crisis calls.

- BHRT: the BHRT pairs a PPB officer with a Project Respond clinician. BHU has a referral form that any bureau member can fill out for individuals in crisis. The form gets triaged by two sergeants to refer to one of the five BHRT Teams.
- The BHU forms are for folks who have had repeated contact or incidences with law enforcement.
 - o BHU receives approximately 1,000 referrals to unit every year
- Services Coordination Team focuses on addiction
 - o Break cycle of addiction/crime and reduce police contact for people who have criminal record, and are often in and out of treatment, jail, and/or prison.
 - o Oftentimes folks have repeated contact with police (anywhere to 50 to 100s).
 - o Provide wraparound services with Central City Concern.
 - Serves about 160-180 on cases
 - PSU audits program yearly and does a cost-benefit analysis
 - Every \$1 in saves \$13 in jail beds, court costs, etc.
 - 83% reduction in crime for those who graduate
 - 40% reduction in crime for those who don't graduate
 - o DOJ settlement agreement
 - Highlighted need to address mental health, services
- Sustainment plan for this work is needed once DOJ settlement compliance is reached.

Questions

What does follow up look like?

- BHU found that 30-45 days after police contact, individuals tended to have another police interaction, so it established follow-ups. After 25-30 days, there is follow-up to the follow-up.
- Service connection is still there, access to services/appointments/medications, and stable housing.
- Started doing the follow-up late last year, so we are just reaching the 1-year mark for data.

What about the Auditor's report on unhoused folks arrest?

- Most of the arrests made were for low-level offenses.
- Around 52% were for arrest of individuals experiencing houselessness
 - o Over half of those arrests were for warrants
 - o Sometimes, folks were cited for low-level arrests but are unable to attend courts or arraignments and leave their property unattended. Some of those citations turn into warrants.
- It's difficult for clients to get help for mental health illnesses when they are just trying to survive day to day. BHU can set up clients with stable housing so that they can get treatment.

What about youth?

- Youth need specialized resources that are culturally-specific and age-specific given the homeless youth continuum. BHU makes referrals for youth services providers.