

# Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020

### Committee Members

Lt. Casey Hettman\_PPB BHU; **\*Ofc. Jim Stegemeyer PPB CIT**; Emily Rochon, PPB SCT; Beth Epps, Cascadia; Capt. Nicholas Jarmer Multnomah County Sherriff's Office; Cissie Bollinger, Oregon Health Authority (OHA); Melanie Payne, Bureau Of Emergency Communications (BOEC), Janie Gullickson, Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon (MHA AO); Leticia Sainz, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services; LaKeesha Dumas, Office of Consumer Engagement-Multnomah County Mental Health & Addictions Services Division; **\*Juliana Wallace, Unity**; Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier, POC-Led Cross Disability Coalition; Sgt. Benson Weinberger, PPB BHU; Sgt. Stephen Mirau, PPB BHU; Mary Claire Buckley, PPB Office of Inspector General; Jill Archer, Care Oregon; **\*Thalia Sady, Multnomah Public Defender's Office**; **\*Robert King, Commissioner's Staff Representative**

[\* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

### Report & Minutes

**April Minutes** – Melanie Payne motioned to approve and Jill Archer seconded. **M/S/P**.

**April Report** – Beth Epps motioned to approve and Lakeesha Dumas seconded. **M/S/P**.

### Updates

**Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee (BHUAC) at Portland Committee for Community Engaged Policing (PCCEP) – Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 05, 2020.

Jill Archer of Care Oregon would like to be included at the next PCCEP meeting.

The Behavioral Health Unit is planned to be the primary topic of discussion. Lt. Hettman is scheduled to provide a general overview of BHU and the work conducted within it.

### Presentations

#### **2020 ECIT Training (Update and Feedback)**

Sergeant Stephen Mirau, Officer Chase Bryson and Liesbeth Gerritsen presented on the planned Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team (ECIT) In-Service training for officers.

The classes will consist of the following topics:

- Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)
- Enhanced Crisis Intervention Training data points
- Suicide by Cop
- Behavioral Health Unit follow-up and Service Coordination Team Program
- Systems Navigation and Gap Discussion

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- Strategic Communication for ECIT – Lecture Format
- Strategic Communication for ECIT – Skill Builder Format
- Knowledge Check

There are approximately 160 ECIT Officers with the Portland Police Bureau.

One of the main goals of the training is to build and refine active listening skills regarding verbal de-escalation with the ECIT Officers.

### Discussion

- **Finalized BHUAC Community Engagement Plan (needs vote)**

We will leave this as previously submitted with the minor change to remove the marked “completed” portions as they only apply to committee members and are unnecessary for the final report.

**Vote** - Lakeesha Dumas motioned to approve the Community Engagement Plan and Melanie Payne seconded. **M/S/P**

- **BHUAC goals for remainder of 2020, topics of interest and areas of training**

BHUAC will create a presentation for the Portland Committee for Community Engaged Policing (PCCEP) to adequately convey the work of the BHUAC.

Continued discussion of this topic will be a priority in the next BHUAC meeting.

A committee member suggested that BHUAC should have a discussion regarding racial equity within behavioral health. BHU will reach out to the Equity and Inclusion Manager, Marlon Marion, to discuss the possibility of putting together a presentation for BHUAC. Part of the PPB's Equity and Inclusion Office focuses on community engagement and the hiring process regarding equity.

A committee member suggested discussing financial constraints from the State/County/City regarding general fund cuts and how this will impact BHUAC member's work. Inviting a fiscal/budget representative from the State/County/City to present an overview to the BHUAC could be a starting point.

Multnomah County could do a presentation, but this would be best after the new fiscal year starts. At present there is a \$2,000,000,000.00 deficit statewide. Ultimately the funding placement is determined by the legislature, but if unable to, the Governor can implement across the board cuts. Committee members committed to keeping the BHUAC informed of any changes or determinations.

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A recommendation was made to have the Service Coordination Team graduates do a presentation regarding their experience with the program for the BHUAC.

BHUAC would like to invite Stephanie Herro, Homeless Community Liaison, to discuss topics of interest, including the homeless census results.

Bureau of Emergency Communication (BOEC) is tracking calls regarding COVID. Their calls are 10% lower than this time last year owing mostly to COVID. BOEC has been working on creating dispatch protocol for Portland Street Response (model based off of the CAHOOTS program in Eugene), although unsure the status of the model due to financial constraints.

- **Prepare and plan to review BHUAC Bylaws (Last updated in March 2017)**

BHUAC will prepare for this review for July 2020. This will give ample time for review and updates if needed.

**The next meeting will be June 24, 2020  
2-4 PM via Zoom Meeting**