

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

Committee Members

Lt. Casey Hettman, PPB BHU; Emily Rochon, PPB SCT; ***Beth Epps, Cascadia**; Capt. Nicholas Jarmer Multnomah County Sheriff'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); ***Frederick Staten, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services**; ***LaKeesha Dumas, Office of Consumer Engagement-Multnomah County Mental Health & Addictions Services Division**; Melissa Eckstein, Unity; Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier, POC-Led Cross Disability Coalition, DRO (Disability Rights Oregon) Representative/Disability Refugee Community of Oregon; Sgt. Benson Weinberger, PPB BHU; ***Sgt. Stephen Mirau, PPB BHU**; Mary Claire Buckley, PPB Office of Inspector General; ***Jill Archer, Care Oregon**; Grant Hartley, Multnomah Public Defender's Office; ***Yesenia Carrillo, Commissioner's Staff Representative**; ***Donald Meyers, American Medical Response (AMR)**; ***Juliana Wallace; Central City Concern (CCC)**

[* Indicates Committee Member was absent]

Report & Minutes

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Note: Currently there are 15 voting members with 8 required for a quorum. (Sworn PPB are non-voting)

Updates

- **BHU - Lt. Casey Hettman** – Notification of the scheduled BHUAC Community Engagement Meeting to take place the evening of Wednesday, 03/24/2021 was marketed to the community via Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Twitter, PPB NextDoor, PPB Facebook, BHU Website, Multnomah County BHU Advisory Committee, PCCEP Behavioral Committee, Disability Rights OR, Training Advisory Council (TAC), NW Health Foundation and Coalition of PPB Advisory Groups (CAG).

As of Monday, 03/29/21 all Behavioral Health Response Teams (BHRT) will physically be back in the building working together as each individual has been vaccinated for COVID. It was agreed that there is more value with the teams being together to better collaborate and problem solve.

- **Coalition of PPB Advisory Groups (CAG) – Janie Gullickson** – The purpose of CAG is to build relationships, hear about the work being done, and effectively communicate with the Police Chief and Mayor's offices.

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Service Coordination Team (SCT) – Emily Rochon – Confirmation was provided that the SCT contract will be moving to the Joint Office of Homeless Services. Emily Rochon and Officer Josh Sparks will stay intact with PPB and will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the program and partnership with Central City Concern, including data reports and performance measures. JOINT Office will assign a project manager, which will work in collaboration with SCT. Contract renewals through the JOINT Office are reviewed and approved through the County Chair and Commissioners, even though the City funds a portion of JOINT Office contracts and services. Emily Rochon will be meeting with the JOINT Office to work through logistics of the contract and partnership.

Discussion

- **BHUAC Community Meeting Presentation PowerPoint Presentation Review**
The Committee members present reviewed and discussed the presentation. For clarity sake it was determined the data points regarding specifically the BHU should be omitted this time because the focus should be on the work that the BHUAC does, not necessarily the BHU. It was also determined to take out the SCT data points from the presentation as well.
- The meeting was adjourned early due to not having quorum with the agreement from all present Committee Members to discuss topics which need voting on at the next scheduled meeting.

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 the second BHUAC Community Engagement Plan Meeting is scheduled to convene at 6:00pm.

**The next BHUAC meeting will be April 28, 2021
2-4 PM via Zoom Meeting**