

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Committee Members

Lt. Casey Hettman, PPB BHU; ***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)**; ***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)**; Jared Hager, Department of Justice; Tom Christoff, Department of Justice

[* 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** –
- The Service Coordination Team (SCT) service contract – SCT Program manager met with the JOINT Office of Homeless Services and Central City Concern (CCC) to review contract, budget and responsibilities of all entities. SCT Program Manager will continue to function as project manager for the contract from PPB and CCC will report directly to SCT Program Manager regarding contract and quarterly/annual reports. JOINT Office and CCC will work directly for billing/budget/invoices. More information will be provided as it is received.

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Discussion

- **BHUAC Community Engagement Meeting Debrief** – Approximately 50 community members attended the first meeting. Janie, Casey and Emily presented. After the presentations concluded a question and answer session ensued. Overall the meeting went well.

The fact that the meeting is still closed to the public continues to be on the community's mind. Janie received correspondence from the Mental Health Association (MHA) and they are again encouraging the BHUAC to open up the meeting to the general public. The plan is to reemphasize the previous response sent to MHA on this topic from last year. These meetings with the public with a question and answer session at the end will continue on a quarterly basis.

The moderator did an excellent job to keep things moving forward and to ensure everyone's feelings were acknowledged and validated. She expressed her willingness to continue in the role as moderator at future meetings.

- Due to the general public showing a renewed interest in reviewing the BHUAC minutes and reports we should consider submitting the BHUAC minutes and reports to members via email after they are completed for official voting to take place. This will aid in getting the information out in a more expedient manner to the public. The members who were present agreed that this would work for them.
- An inquiry to the group was made to invite Portland Street Response to provide a presentation/overview to the BHUAC. Committee members agreed and will be scheduled in the upcoming months.
- A committee member provided information regarding Federal funding for Oregon. Part of the \$100,000,000 will be establishing a 988 mental health crisis line as an alternative to 911. Work groups have been conducting feedback from state stakeholders and creating policy and procedures for implementation.
- A committee member had the opportunity to speak with a reporter from the Oregonian today. The committee member stressed the importance of utilizing the resources available and the work being done to improve communication within existing resources and systems. The main goal should be to find efficiencies, work effectively with each other and not duplicate efforts. Ultimately, coordination and collaboration needs to occur within our mental health systems to make it more effective.
- Behavioral Health Emergency Coordination Network (BHECN) A number of BHUAC members are contributing to this project. It was agreed that a presentation from the members participating in the project to the rest of the BHUAC would be very informational and welcomed.

Per BHECN documentation, the vision for the project is as follows:

A 24/7, multi-partner, robust triage and assessment network that encompasses services designed to meet the rising acuity of individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis and serve as a single point of access for the community - including EMS and Law Enforcement.

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- The committee should take a poll to determine changing the day of the week and timing for committee members.
- The meeting was adjourned early due to not having quorum with the agreement from all present Committee Members to discuss topics which need voting (excluding meeting minutes/report) on at the next scheduled meeting.

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 the second BHUAC Community Engagement Plan Meeting is scheduled to take place from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

**The next BHUAC meeting will be May 26, 2021
2-4 PM via Zoom Meeting**