

Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 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

April Minutes – Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier motioned to approve and Capt. Nicholas Jarmer seconded. M/S/P Emily Rochon, Julianna Wallace and Janie Gullickson abstained.

April Report – No recommendations made, Julianna Wallace motioned to approve and Myrlaviani Perez-Rivier seconded. M/S/P Emily Rochon, Julianna Wallace and Janie Gullickson abstained.

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

Updates

- **BHU – Sgt. Benson Weinberger –**

Due to budget cuts and reorganization, the Community Services Division has been dissolved and BHU will be assigned to a different branch/division. At this time, we are unsure where BHU will be assigned, but currently we will informally report to the Investigations Branch. BHU's day-to-day operations will not be affected by this change.

A previous Behavioral Health Response Team/BHRT Officer is currently filling in for an injured BHRT Officer until they are able to return to full duty work.

- **Group Work:**

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) #2-1 – Behavioral Health Unit Electronic Referral System (BERS)

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Clarified the following during the discussion and review of SOP #2-1:

- As outlined in the SOP, only certain employees have access to the referral system. This is vetted and reviewed by data analyst on a regular basis.
- Patrol Officers are only able to make referrals but they do not have access to BERS to review the notes.
- If a public records is requested specifically for BERS information, it would be deferred to the City Attorney (as any public records request around protected information). BHU would not be involved in the decision making process.

Questions by committee which will be answered by next meeting:

- Are SOP's available to the public?
- Would BERS information be available through a public records request? If so, what would be the process and how will information be protected?
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Additional comments:

- Include information about public records request to the SOP for clarification

There was a request from the committee to further clarify what the process is when a BERS referral comes in.

BHUAC Bylaws - edit

Suggestions and/or updates and finalization will need to be addressed via email with the committee and followed up on at the next meeting.

Discussion

- **BHUAC Community Engagement Meeting Debrief** – Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon (MHAAO) feedback was still encouraging that the BHUAC should be publicly held and it should fall under the public meeting law. It was reaffirmed that the BHUAC does not fall under the public meeting law and will continue to remain closed as per decision of the committee. .
- There was discussion that a presentation should be created regarding the BHUAC process or a compilation of our annual reviews to present at the community engagement meeting. This will aid in providing insights into the group's values. The presentation shall also highlight that the BHUAC is not the only advisory group for PPB. Clarification will be provided regarding what the BHUAC does and does not do.
- **Coalition of PPB Advisory Groups (CAG)** = Currently meeting every other week on Mondays to work on the charter by-laws. Committee Chair will provide schedule and invite to the BHUAC.

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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 June 23, 2021
2-4 PM via Zoom Meeting**