

BHUAC Meeting Minutes 10/26/2022

Committee Members

PRESENT

- Lieutenant Christopher Burley (non-voting member), PPB/BHU
- Barb. Rainish, Freelance Advocate
- Barbara Snow, Multnomah County Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Melissa Eckstein, Unity
- Joseph Westover, Multnomah Public Defender's Office
- Emily Rochon, PPB SCT
- Stephanie LaCarrubba, Multnomah County Sherriff's Office
- Beth Epps, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
- Melanie Payne, Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC)
- Bill Osborne, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

ABSENT

- Jill Archer, Care Oregon
- Darion Jones, Commissioner's Staff Representative
- Janie Gullickson, Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon (MHAAO)
- Juliana Wallace, Central City Concern (CCC)
- Donald Meyers, American Medical Response (AMR)

Observers Present:

- Sarah Ames, CAO
- Megan Mohler, COCL
- Mary Claire Buckley, PPB
- Brynn Bonssdorf, PPB/BHU
- Julie Starr, Multnomah County

Presenters:

- Ross Caldwell, Director, Independent Police Review (IPR)
- Barbara Snow, Multnomah County Behavioral Health Division Crisis Services Manager and BHUAC member

Welcome & Updates:

PPB and BHU – LT Chris Burley

Recommendations and Votes – 8 voting members required for quorum

- BHUAC August 2022 Minutes (VOTE) APPROVED – Stephanie LaCarrubba motioned, Barb. Rainish seconded
 - In favor: all members present
 - Not in favor: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
- BHUAC August 2022 Report (VOTE) APPROVED – Barb. Rainish moved, Bill Osborne seconded
 - In favor: all members present
 - Not in favor: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
- BHUAC September 2022 Minutes (VOTE) APPROVED – Barb Snow motioned, Melissa Eckstein seconded

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- In favor: 5
Not in favor: 0
Abstentions: Stephanie LaCarrubba, Beth Epps, Bill Osborne, Melanie Payne
- BHUAC September 2022 Report (VOTE) – Barb Snow motioned & Barb. Rainish seconded
 - In favor: 6
Not in favor: 0
Abstentions: Beth Epps, Bill Osborne, Melanie Payne
With Edits, an addition of #2 Recommendation

Presentation:

- **TOPIC:** Police Review Board (PRB) presentation for BHUAC to consider a recommendation that a mental health professional and/or person with lived experience provide input when PRB reviews cases involving a person in mental health crisis.
 - **PRESENTER:** Ross Caldwell (Director, Independent Police Review (IPR))
 - IPR provides impartial oversight of police conduct, practices, and policies to increase accountability and public trust.
 - Police Chief and Mayor make discipline decisions.
 - PRB is an advisory body to the Chief of Police (“Chief”). The Review Board makes recommendations as to findings and proposed officer discipline to the Chief of Police.
 - Information regarding IPR and PRB may be found here:
 - [Chapter 3.21 Office of Independent Police Review | Portland.gov](#)
 - [Chapter 3.20 Bureau of Police | Portland.gov](#)
 - The PRB reviews use of force events involving:
 - All officer involved shootings.
 - Physical injury caused by an officer that requires hospitalization.
 - All in custody deaths.
 - Any use of force where the recommended finding is “out of policy”.
 - Any other use of force case referred to the Board pursuant to Code Subsection 3.20.140 B.1.a. or Code Subsection 3.20.140 B.1.e.
 - The PRB is composed of five (5) voting members and eight advisory members.
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 - Advisory members include:
 1. The Office of Accountability and Professional Standards manager.
 2. Representative from Bureau of Human Resources.
 3. Representative from City Attorney’s Office.
 4. The Internal Affairs Division Manager.
 5. Review Board Coordinator.
 6. Representative of Commissioner in Charge of the Bureau (“Commissioner in Charge”).
 7. Representative of the Training Division.
 8. The Assistant Chief(s) that are not the supervisor of the involved member.

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- Mr. Caldwell believes the addition of a person with lived experience and/or a mental health professional is of benefit to the PRB in relation to cases involving force and a person in mental health crisis. Mr. Caldwell pointed out that PRBs are a considerable amount of work. Officer involved shootings include 1,000 to 1,800 pages of documentation and require hours to prepare for.
- *A member asked: How often do PRB reviews come up?*
 - *Mr. Caldwell: It depends... can trickle or downpour from month-to-month.*
- *A member asked: How are the peer members chosen for the PRB?*
 - *Mr. Caldwell: Those who are most interested in the process tend to volunteer the most. More information about the PRB membership may be found in PCC 3.20.140: Police Review Board C. Composition of the Board.*
 - *A member asked: Are there any limits on officers that can participate in this process that may have worked closely with one another in the past? For instance, partner cars in the past.*
Mr. Caldwell: There is nothing in city code which explicitly states this is prohibited.

FORMAL RECOMMENDATION:

The BHUAC supports adding an individual with lived or professional behavioral health experience to the Police Review Board (PRB).

There was some concern regarding conflicts of interest based on affiliation with other organizations.

Is it possible to create a paid position for this?

Barb Snow Motioned to support this FORMAL RECOMMENDATION

Barb. Rainish seconded

Favor – All members present

No – NONE

Abstain - NONE

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- **TOPIC:** Multnomah County Mobile Crisis Response Procurement
 - **PRESENTER:** Barbara Snow, Multnomah County Behavioral Health Division Crisis Services Manager and BHUAC member
 - **Request Crisis Services RFPQ 2023**
 - RFPQ Process discussed
 - CMHP Obligations = safety net for all of Multnomah County
 - Ensure access to most vulnerable
 - Current Categories reviewed
 - Changes in the last 5 years reviewed in reference to:
 - Mobile Crisis:
Rules Changes currently in process
Shift of CATS funding
Addition of 988
 - CATC and Respite
 - When you call the MH Crisis line about someone in MH crisis there shouldn't be a response of, "Are they suicidal?"
 - Have options for individuals who call who aren't in acute crisis.
 - How are the crisis response teams called to support?
 - Currently they are dispatched from the Multnomah County Call Center (503-988-4888).
 - Less than approximately 50% of the time officers are involved on Project Respond (PR) calls.
 - Discussion around safety concerns for families involved in crisis calls/situations.
 - How do we use family support specialists?
 - Additional supports provided?
 - Discussion about PPB partnership with PR and how to improve upon protocols.
 - Discussion around resulting financial burden placed on individuals who never even wanted PR there to begin with (in reference to MH holds).
 - Recommendation to Barb Snow to have a 24/7 warmline.
 - Discussion about the need to have all the numbers streamlined. (988, 211, 311) – BEACON & County are working together.

Discussion:

- **TOPIC:** BHUAC Membership and Nominations:
 - **There was not sufficient time to discuss this topic during this meeting.**
- **A committee member commented on the US DOJ finding that the BHUAC was only in partial compliance with aspects of the settlement agreement and the appropriateness of explaining the cause of the finding to the PCCEP.**

Members of the committee recommended that an explanation should be trauma informed and the member agreed they would not speak for the BHUAC

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Conclusion:

- Community Engagement Meeting Topics from this meeting for Q4?
- BHU Behavioral Health Resource Guide nearing finalization.
- Proposed topics for November/December meeting.
- Recommendations for proposed BHUAC Retreat.
 - Date
 - Duration
 - Location
 - Facilitator
 - Format
- Future BHUAC Community Meetings are scheduled to occur on:
 - 4th Quarter 2022 – Thursday, January 5th, 2023
 - 1st Quarter 2023 – Thursday, April 06, 2023
 - 2nd Quarter 2023 – Thursday, July 06, 2023
 - 3rd Quarter 2023 – Thursday, October 05, 2023
 - 4th Quarter 2023 – Thursday, January 04, 2024

The next BHUAC Meeting will be **December 07, 2022**
2:00-4:00 PM in a hybrid version at the 11th Floor Conference Room Justice Center