**Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

Date: Friday, January 20th, 2022

Time:12:00pm – 1:15pm

Location:

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89661572865?pwd=SlN1WUFTYmNEeUxzdGJLWlFqMHRKUT09>

Present: Holly Harris, Danielle MacBain, Captain Shults, Kristin Mozzochi, Paul Partridge, Christina Lee, Peter Boehm, Cameron Fischer, Lorelei Kryzanek, Jessica Vierra, Jill Adams, Stephanie Utzman, Shannon Brister-Raugust, Evan Namkung, Amber Clegg.

Support: Aimee Burroughs

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| Agenda Items |
| 12:00PM – 12:10PM | * Welcome and introductions
* Approval of the November 18th, 2022 BHAB Meeting Minutes
* Jessica Vierra motioned to approve minutes. Ethan Namkang 2nd. Minutes approved
 | Roger Olson |
| 12:10PM-12:20PM | * Announcements
* Bend Health Fair in April; Roger asked for volunteers for this. Contact him of Dana for more information
* Captain Shults shared that the DC Sherriff partnered with Ideal Options and created Guardian Angels program – LPN job search for MAT program at the jail.
* Shannon will be there to discuss MRS
* Danny McCalister for PacificSource will present next month
 | All |
| 12:20PM-12:25PM | * Agenda Building
* No update at this time
 | Jessica Vierra |
| 12:25PM-12:30PM | * Bylaw update
* Hoping to get an updated document to the group next month for review.
* Document will give an overview of the mission of this group as well as guidelines for members.
* Add discussion to next month’s agenda.
* Roger mentioned that we need a VA representative on this committee.
* Within this conversation it was mentioned that there is new legislation that assists Veterans in getting access to more mental health services.
* Amber to check in with Arielle Samuel and her direct contacts to get more information on this initiative.
 | Jessica Vierra |
| 12:30PM – 1:00PM | * Aid and Assist

DCBH Intensive Forensic Services Supervisor, Evan Namkung, LCSW* Aid and Assist program: one of the more complicated legal processes someone can go through.
* If we are charged with a crime, we have a constitutional right to defend ourselves; if we are not able to aid our attorney due to a mental health issue.
* Puts pause on the process.
* Court then asks Evan’s team to work with that individual to get help.
* Needs to treat mental health and restore someone to the point where they can participate with their attorney.
* In order for the process to continue; has to be found by a mental health evaluator to be able to assist in their legal process.
* This takes different amounts of time for everyone depending on their mental health.
* Program has almost doubled since 2020.
* This has led to extreme overcrowding in the State hospitals; which a Federal judge just reduced how long patients can stay in to ease overcrowding
* There is a lack of resources to serve those that time-out of the State hospital but are not ready to be evaluated for legal process yet.
* DC program success can partially be attributed to the relationships that have been formed with judges, lawyers, district attorney, etc.
* Captain Shults added that some individuals can wait in DC jail for up to 6 months to go through the Aid and Assist program.
* Questions:
* **Q**: What can we do?
* **A**: Championing funding for community programs; this program has shed light on the gaps where our programs don’t work together.
* **Q**: Who makes the decision that a person isn't able to aid and assist in their defense? We are talking about the mental health aspect but what about cognitive delays or deficiencies?
* **A**: Usually the defense attorney makes the motion; there are groups that should never be in this process; those with dementia or cognitive delays.
* **Q**: How is the level of resilience on your team with the massive influx?
* **A**: It’s been a massive adjustment and try and stay as flexible as possible
* **Q**: Is this a statewide issue or just prevalent in DC?
* **A**: Captain Shults shared that there are many discussions at statewide meetings revolving around this issue. Not just in DC.
* **Q**: Isn’t it about getting funding for services before the crisis happens?
* **A:** Yes, ideally. State of OR has narrow ways to get individuals into treatment who need treatment, but the clients who are in Aid and Assist don’t want that help.
* A: Holly has started conversations with the Acute Care Council; the need for a forensic unit to serve some part of the community.
 | Evan Namkung  |
| 1:10PM-1:15PM | * In Person Meetings
	+ Stan Owen at Courtney now equipped for hybrid
	+ Next month (2/17) will be In Person in Stan Owen; lunch will be provided.
 | Jessica |
| **Parking Lot:** * How will we bring bylaw document before March?
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| **Adjourn 1:10pm, Roger** |