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Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Multnomah County Courthouse - Room 338
1021 SW 4th Avenue- Portland, OR 97204

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Judge Nan Waller, Subcommittee Chair

Judge Cheryl Albrecht, OJD

Amy Anderson, Advocate

Erika Armsbury, Central City Concern

Nathan Clark, Commissioner Stegman's
Office

Ashley Crockett, MCDA

Jean Dentinger, MHASD

Chris Farentinos, Unity

Bryan Francesconi, MPD

Capt. Mike Frome, PPB

Liv Jenssen, DCJ

Micky Logan, Oregon State Hospital

John McVay, DCJ

Jessica Morkert-Shibley, County
Communications

Staci Moritz, Multnomah County

Sarah Mullen, LPSCC

William Osborne, MHASD

Kailana Piimauna, DOJ

Adam Renon, Chair's Office

Neal Rotman, MHASD

Simrat Sethi, Oregon State Hospital

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC

Samuel Taylor, LPSCC

Chris Thomas, GOBHI

Lt. Chris Wheelwright, PPB

Lily Yamamoto, LPSCC

Christina Youssi, LPSCC

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Honorable Nan Waller, Subcommittee Chair

Jean Dentinger, MHASD, is retiring on May 31. Jean was acknowledged and thanked for her work and time with the county. There will be a farewell reception on May 30th.

Introductions were made.

II. Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Mental Health Strategies

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC

- Women's Program
- Mental Health Diversion

Abbey Stamp gave an update on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge strategies and highlighted the Cascadia Walk-In Clinic for Mental Health Diversion.

Sarah Mullen gave an update on the Women's Program that will be in Gresham. Start date should be late summer. For more information about the strategies, visit the LPSCC website.

III. Review of the Aid & Assist Hearings and Spectrum of A&A Defendants

The Honorable Nan Waller, Judge

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Judge Waller and Judge Albrecht recently visited the Oregon State Hospital. One issue they discussed with OSH psychiatrists was the spectrum of aid and assist defendants, specifically defendants with low level misdemeanors who are too disorganized for community restoration as well as the high risk felony defendants that OSH has concerns are too violent for the hospital.

The Rapid Evaluation Process is working well, but more slots are needed. A solution is needed for those with severe mental health issues who commit quality-of-life crimes who might spend many weeks in custody waiting for an evaluation.

The discussion included the following:

- Abbey Stamp noted the Brief Jail Mental Health Screening at booking has just started. Once there is more data, the Sheriff's Office will assess other options.
- There are other models in other states. Some fixes are legislative. There was discussion about the gaps for this population and about secure residential treatment facilities (SRTF).
- The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is holding a Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment meeting in Salem on Thursday, which may lead to some solutions.
- Amy Anderson asked if peers could come to the jails and how to overcome any access barriers.

IV. Unity Update

Chris Farentinos, Unity Center

Chris Farentinos, Unity Center, shared a handout of the presentation she gave to the county board this spring. She thanked everyone for collaboration and partnerships to move from an institutionalized model that was controlling and rigid to a model that gives patients more voice and choice. Before Unity, individuals in behavioral health crisis had no adequate place to go other than medical EDs or Jail. Safety is always a concern. Data was shared. For more information, see the presentation.

Judge Waller mentioned the Hackathon (Hack for a Cause) and technological solutions that could come from it.

Abbey announced the Corporation for Supportive Housing was awarded a grant through Meyer Memorial trust to bring Frequent User System Engagement (FUSE) to the county. Heather Lyons will be asking for data from partners.

V. SAMHSA Grant: Multnomah Behavioral Health Treatment Court (MBHTC)

Jean Dentinger, Mental Health & Addictions Services Division

The SAMHSA grant sunsets September 30th.

- Through the grant, a peer action council was established.
- One goal is to do panels for peers.
- MHAO is a critical partner.
- Impact of grant ending: One position in MH Court will be lost and another position in Forensic Diversion.

Next Step: Jean suggested we look at the research at the next meeting.

VI. Step Down from Unity

Neal Rotman, Mental Health & Addictions Services Division

Neal Rotman noted the Transitional Housing Program on Barbur Blvd with 22 single-occupancy units, probably opening in September. There will be 2 ADA units.

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VII. Other Agency Updates

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John McVay noted DCJ's contract for dual-diagnosis beds is being eliminated, creating a large gap. They are negotiating for transitional housing. MHASD, Unity, Providence, DCJ and MCSO coming up with a model of what treatment should look like.

Amy Anderson noted Tri-met's new low-income fare program and the non-emergency medical transports,

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 25