

Community Policing and Behavioral Health Advisory Council

Virtual Meeting

February 23, 2026, 2:00-3:30pm

Agenda

I. Welcome, Call to Order & Attendance

- a. Co-chair Angela Davis called meeting to order at 2:05pm. Quorum was determined with the following members in attendance: Angela Davis, Eliza Lake, Matthew Broderick, Robert Ortiz, Colonel Rick Rathbun, Jacqueline Hubbard, Chief Deanna Strout, and Keesha LaTulippe

II. Review of and Approval of Minutes

- a. Co-chair Angela Davis requested motion to approve meeting minutes from September 15, 2025. Robert Ortiz stated there were some minor grammatical errors in minutes but had no impact on factual content of minutes. Robert Ortiz made motion to approve meeting minutes, Matthew Broderick seconded. Meeting minutes were approved with Colonel Rick Rathbun and Jacqueline Hubbard abstaining.

III. Eliot Community Behavioral Health Center partnership with Lynn Police Department:

- a. Co-chair Eliza Lake introduced staff from Eliot Community Health Center's Community Behavioral Health Center and Lynn Police Department. Josh Eigen (Eliot CBHC) discussed partnership with Lynn PD. Partnership began prior to CBHC launch in 2023, over 15 years ago. Julie Batten (Eliot) described BH Intervention Program co-response team which includes paramedic, recovery coach, and clinician that go on calls with PD and a regular co-response clinician and case managers housed at Lynn PD. There are an average of 200 co-response calls per quarter. Deputy Chief Chris Kelly explained that the Eliot BH staff are housed on the first floor of the PD and officers have easy access to clinicians to get feedback on individuals they interact with. The goal is to streamline justice involved individuals into BH services and to break the cycle of arrest for those in crisis. There has not been any community pushback or negative feedback on collaboration with Eliot.

Co-chair Lake asked if there were any suggestions for the Council on how to build relationships with PDs. Eliot discussed putting together initial meetings to bring people together to discuss goals, what the needs are, and what it would look like in their community. Having police departments with active CBHC partnerships talk with PDs interested in bringing in clinicians is a best practice and can help improve buy-in on the PD side. Council member Keesha LaTulippe shared funding DPH provides to communities for equitable approaches to public safety which funds co-responder models between PDs and social services. Council member Robert Ortiz asked about

statistics on the success of the jail diversion programs and how it compares to the other jail diversion programs Eliot operates and how communication between cities work for individuals who may have police contact outside of their home city or are transient. Eliot holds regular meetings with clinicians from across their service areas and will discuss clients to better coordinate care. Data was not available during the meeting.

IV. Updates from Center for Police Training in Crisis Intervention: Dr. Victor Petreca (The Center) & Joanne Barros (DMH)

- a.** Council member Matthew Broderick introduced Dr. Petreca and Dr. Barros. DMH funds about two thirds of the communities in the state. Sustainability is dependent on state budget. The Center has been capturing data for several years on incident reports, CIT trained officer contacts, contact with community members in need and other metrics to assess what the outcome is of the interventions used. Data collection is a key function of The Center, and they collect multiple data points across the state. Data is also looked at from a geographic lens, acknowledging success of interventions can vary by cities/towns. PDs must be intentional in deciding when diversion is needed or where the justice system does need to be involved. PDs without jail diversion programs are welcome to attend trainings and submit data to The Center. Technical assistance can be provided to any PD, regardless of involvement with jail diversion initiatives.

V. Other Council Business

- a.** No additional business

VI. Public Comment Invited

- a.** Question/comment from public guest: Guest stated they do not agree with the decision to replace the two seats for consumers of BH services with members from CBHCs. Guest feels there is a conflict of interest with the two consumers being employees of BH organizations. Co-chair Lake clarified no seats were replaced and council membership meets statutory requirements.

VII. Adjournment

- a.** Co-chair Davis called for motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Broderick made motion, was seconded by Jacqueline Hubbard. Unanimous vote to adjourn meeting at 3:30pm.