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Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Zoom

Co-Chair Taberner called the meeting to order and determined a quorum at 9:30 a.m. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes.

Chair Taberner introduced the 911 and Crisis Reports agenda item, giving an over-view of the work and timeline. Chair Davis added that the difference is that 911 does not need a vote from the Council, but the Crisis report does. And following the submission of the reports to the Clerks of the House and Senate, the Council is required to convene listening sessions around the state.

Danna Mauch spoke to the 911 Report first stating that there was data collection, analysis and ultimately recommendations. The draft will be available mid-week followed by the Crisis Report draft. It was suggested that there was a great deal of overlap between the two studies, and it was smart to launch them at the same time. The co-chairs suggested that the June meeting be moved forward a week to allow the Council more time to review final draft of Crisis Report and be able to take a vote at that meeting. Members agreed and it was suggested that Tuesday June 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. would be optimum. A doodle poll will be sent out to membership on this issue to finalize.

Bob Ferullo gave an update on how his team will be providing the Behavioral Health Roadmap resources to law enforcement throughout the state. He enthusiastically expressed his support for the content and that he will be making the information available three ways. The Chiefs annual fall meeting, the academies for recruits, in-service and specialized training for law enforcement. Steve Cromack was introduced by Bob Ferullo as a primary lead in this work for MPTC. They are looking forward to getting started this fall. Chief Baker thanked and acknowledged Bob Ferullo

and his extraordinary work with law enforcement and the importance of having him engaged long term to do this work.

Chair Davis invited public comment, none was offered, and moved on to other topics from membership. Robert Ortiz suggested to Chair Taberner that an additional member would be excellent to join the council and introduced Ruby Sanders. Chair Taberner will follow up with Robert.

Chair Davis called for a motion to adjourn which was made and passed unanimously.