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Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Zoom

Co-Chair Taberner called the meeting to order, determined a quorum, and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes.

Chair Taberner recapped the origin and process of creating of the 911 and Crisis Reports. He thanked Danna Mauch and the TAC Team for their dedication to the work for the past year. The group was reminded that a copy of the 911 report was sent out to each of them Monday morning. Matt Broderick reminded folks that it is a final draft but not absolutely final and that feedback is welcome.

Danna Mauch gave a slide presentation of the 911 report project. She spoke to the approach to the analysis and that there were limitations. Some data is not available. The disposition of calls was examined but only behavioral health calls were analyzed. A recap of findings was provided, and recommendations were reviewed. It was suggested with over half the Council in agreement to modify the governance of the work: "Under the co-leadership of EOHHS & EOPSS establish an entity responsible for overseeing crisis response planning and implementation." It was also suggested to add the total number of calls placed for the year. Angela said she had reached out for that data point and would resend to the leadership of the group. It was agreed that standardization of coding and training is important but that we do not get too detailed in the training description and prevent silos.

Chair Taberner invited public comment. Senator Brownsberger's Chief of Staff Eric Helmuth thanked the council for successfully taking on the work and producing a thoughtful and informative report and understanding the importance of the data. June Binney suggested taking

small bites of the work and looking to other jurisdictions for how they successfully implemented some of the recommendations that have been made.

Council members made additional comments, to which Chief Martineau thanked Danna and her team for their efforts and said he wanted to share the recommendations with his staff. Chair Davis offered to resend the report and Danna's slides to Chief and everyone with an invitation to respond with final comments by noon this Friday.

Chairs announced that another July meeting will be required and he will have Kristen reach out to doodle poll availability since the Crisis Report will require feedback and a vote. Chair Taberner reminded members that the Crisis Report is now with EOHHS leadership for review and will need to go to EOPSS next then back to the council for input prior to the vote.

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