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Name of committee, board, etc:	Behavioral Health Community Policing Advisory Council Meeting
Date of meeting:	10/3/2022
Time:	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Place:	Virtual – via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/91586901275?pwd=N0wweXVDeIVsQ0xDSzkvN05sbG5iZz09
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**Virtual Meeting of the
Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Oct. 3, 2022 at 11 a.m.
Zoom**

Chair Taberner called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Seven members of the Council were in attendance: Scott Taberner, Angela Davis, Mathew Broderick, Robert Ferullo, Robert Ortiz, Ruby Sanders and Tim Burton on behalf of NAMI Mass. A quorum of Commission Members was determined. Introductions were made and Eric Helmuth, Chief of Staff from Sen. Brownsberger's Office was welcomed. Also in attendance were: Danna Mauch of the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health (MAMH), Laura Conrad, Amanda Tobey and Jordan Gulley of Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC), and June Binney of Health and Justice Strategies.

Under the direction of the Council, MAMH and their subcontractor TAC have been contracted to conduct two separate but related studies:

- The first study is required under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 253, the Police Reform Act of 2020 regarding Crisis Response. (see attached)
- The second is a study of the disposition of 911 calls, and is required under language included in line item 4000-0300 of the FY 2022 General Appropriation Act (GAA). (see attached)

Danna Mausch, President of MAMH, and Laura Conrad, Senior Consultant at the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC), provided a powerpoint presentation to the Council. (see attached)

TAC shared that the number of engaged Police Departments has been above average. Ms Conrad indicated that TAC received 128 responses to their survey of police departments, which represented a response rate of greater than 50%. They are pleased with the engagement by police departments in most regions of the state, but still need to fill some gaps to ensure diversity of the participants in the studies. One region in which a gap in participation was noted is Western Mass.

Feedback from the Council was positive, and was primarily focused on ways that the police chiefs on the Council and EOPPS could assist in providing MAMH and TAC with access to more police departments.

There may be a need to increase the funding for the work, the financials were reviewed. Scott and Matt will look into report deadline change to June of 2023, so that the consultant has time to complete the work.

Public comment was encouraged by Chair Taberner, none was given.

It was suggested that going forward the council meet the first Monday of each month.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 12:35 p.m..