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## Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Zoom

Co-Chair Taberner called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., and a quorum was declared.

Emily Bailey, Director of Behavioral Health provided the Council with an overview of the CBHC Initiative. She shared slides (attached) and illuminated the challenges for behavioral health. She reviewed the flow chart and process. There are Community Health Behavioral Centers across the commonwealth. Part of their responsibility is to reach out to local law enforcement and partners and share their information. These Centers must have weekend hours available for those in need. There is a toolkit they have made accessible and resources on the last page of the handout. Chief Stevens and E.D. Ferullo both expressed a willingness to assist with dissemination of Emily's info to law enforcement across the state. The information is needed and would be well received according to Chief Stevens and Bob Ferullo. Assistant Undersecretary Davis offered to connect Emily to law enforcement to discuss further. Council members thanked Emily for her presentation and felt it is an excellent and timely resource in addition to folks simply relying on 911 and 988.

Co-Chair Davis asked for edits to the minutes and a motion to accept. Motion was made and passed to accept the February meeting minutes without edits.

Danna Mauch and the TAC Associates Team gave the Council an update on their work thru a slide presentation. The timeline for the work and reports was presented and discussed. First drafts will be ready for EOPSS & EOHHS review by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Angela will bring draft forward to EOPSS for review. Scott will follow up with Danna on EOHHS engagement. Drafts need to be approved by EOHHS/EOPSS May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Helmuth from Senator Brownsberger's office thanked Danna & the TAC team for their excellent work. The Council acknowledged Eric's assistance with the projects and that we are very grateful for his engagement!

Public Comment was given by June Binney, stating Emily's presentation was excellent and the openness from law enforcement to share the information is outstanding. June remembered the community-to-community mentoring program which was successful some years ago. Robert Ortiz suggested that we look into Ruby Sanders attending meetings and Scott said he will follow up on that suggestion.

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