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**Minutes of the
Virtual Meeting of the
Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council
April 25, 2022 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Co-chairs Mr. Taberner and Ms. Davis called the meeting to order. A quorum was determined. Introductions were given by members.

The agenda focused on a review and update on the actions taken by the Council at its meeting on February 7, 2022. Mr. Broderick provided updates on the following items:

1. Enter into a contractual engagement between DMH and an appropriate party to conduct a study on the Council's behalf that is responsive to the provisions of Section 117 of Chapter 253 the Police Reform Act of 2020.

Mr. Broderick affirmed that DMH has entered into an agreement with a qualified entity to conduct the crisis response and continuity of care system on behalf of the Council. The selected entity is the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health (MAMH). The President and CEO of MAMH will lead a discussion with the Council on plans on how to conduct the study.

2. Ensure that the findings of a "Study of the disposition of 911 calls" set forth in a budget provision in the General Appropriation Act of FY22, are contributory to the information gathered (in part) to form the basis of recommendations ultimately produced by study required of the Council under Section 117.

Mr. Broderick noted that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services had agreed to enter into an Interagency Service Agreement concerning the conduct of the "911 Study". Mr. Taberner noted that EOHHS will transfer \$475,000 to DMH to fund the study prior to the close of FY 2022 and will seek to have these funds carried forward for use during FY 2023.

3. Engage a single contractor to perform the Council's study under a concurrent deadline and in tandem with the 911 study.

As noted above, Mr. Broderick informed the Council that DMH had selected the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH) to conduct both the

study of the crisis response and continuity of care system as defined in Section 117 of Chapter 253, and the “911 Study” included in line item 4000-0300 of the FY 2022 General Appropriation Act.

Danna Mauch, Ph.D., the President and CEO of MAMH was introduced to the Council. She provided a brief overview of the approach she and her organization will take as they conduct the two studies .

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.