

Community Policing and Behavioral Health Advisory Council
June 24, 2025, 10:00-11:00 AM
Virtual (Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., a quorum was determined with the following in attendance: Co-Chairs Eliza Lake/EOHHS & Angela Davis/EOPSS, Gina Kwon/EOPSS, Matthew Broderick, Keesha LaTulippe, Jacqueline Hubbard, Robert Ortiz, Amie Sica, Chief Robert Pistone, Chief Ryan Columbus. Guests included Joanne Barros and Victor Petreca.

The Co-Chairs welcomed attendees, introduced themselves, and invited members to introduce themselves as well.

Angela Davis presented a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written were passed unanimously.

Joanne Barros and Victor Petreca presented jail diversion initiatives for the council. The history of jail diversion programs was given an overview regarding establishment, initial funding levels and programmatic and funding growth. Jail diversion programs with regional or statewide have become interconnected with crisis response systems to where communities and partners rely for support. There were several JDP categories discussed and categorized as program types to provide structure and framework for the communities, such as:

- Co-Response (Embedded Clinicians)
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- Components Programs
- Training and Curriculum Development
- Training and Technical Assistance Centers (TTACs)
- Behavioral Health Intervention Program (BHIP)

A statewide data snapshot was presented with evidence-based statistics of 86% (and increasing) of emergency diversion points of contact between jail diversion and the community addressing behavioral health interventions.

Questions were invited at 10:37a.m. Chief Ryan Columbus remarked that we're at a point where this is no longer an option to have or not have, but that instead should be a tool we can utilize at any time. Additionally, it's fully funded for FY26. Matthew Broderick answered his budget inquiry. Chief Pistone expressed he was pleased to hear the presentation and that he would be interested in the information to reach a larger scale and reach other Chiefs. Robert Ortiz inquired what assessments were being used to gauge competency and to capture geographic information and

accessibility to training. Victor Petreca addressed his questions and concerns. Angela Davis asked about trends in the municipality database. Victor Petreca addressed her inquiry.

Public comment was invited at 10:52 a.m. Gina Kwon offered thoughts on uplifting law enforcement in collaboration with EOPSS. Eliza Lake proposed moving forward with a schedule for the council to meet every two (2) months. The council members nodded in agreement. Amie Sica requested an overview of the training courses. Joanne Barros will share this with the council.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn, roll was taken and meeting ended at 10:59 a.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting Items:

- *Review and approval of minutes*
- *Discuss the JDP programs further*