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**Virtual Meeting of the
Community Policing Behavioral Health Advisory Council
June 6, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Chair Taberner and Sec. Reidy's proxy Angela Davis called the meeting to order. Eight Commission members were in attendance: Scott Taberner, Angela Davis, Mathew Broderick, Robert Ferullo, Robert Ortiz, Chief Brian Kyes, Chief Lester Baker, and Jacqueline Hubbard of NAMI Mass. A quorum was determined. Others in attendance were: Elizabeth Denniston of EOHHS, Shelia Gallagher of the Municipal Police Training Committee, Joanne Barres and Kristen Lee of DMH, Richard Sheola of Health and Justice Strategies, Alicia Brission of Senator Brownsberger's Office, Danna Mauch of the Mass Association of Mental Health (MAMH), and Kevin Martone and Laura Conrad of the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC). Introductions were given by members and others in attendance.

Chair Taberner and Mathew Broderick of DMH gave an update on the Intergovernmental Service Agreement (ISA) between the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) regarding the "911 Study" mandated in FY 2022 General Appropriation Act (GAA) line item 4000-0300 and the "crisis response study" described in Section 117 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 (the so-called police reform act).

Mr. Broderick and Mr. Taberner noted that based on input from EOHHS and DMH a recommendation had been made to have the two related studies undertaken by the same organization under contract to DMH, the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health (MAMH). The ISA will transfer the \$475,000 earmarked in the FY 2022 GAA from EOHHS to DMH to fund a portion of the work to be conducted on the two studies by MAMH.

Danna Mauch, President and CEO of MAMH, made a presentation to the Council that focused on the following:

- A. An overview of the workplan and timeline she has prepared on how MAMH and its sub-contractors will perform the work required under the “911 Study” and “crisis response study”
- B. A description of the resources MAMH anticipates utilizing to conduct each study, including sub-contractors

Ms. Mauch also introduced Mr. Kevin Martone, Executive Director of TAC. TAC has been hired by MAMH as a sub-contractor on the studies to be conducted. Mr. Martone provided an overview of his organization and described the role it will play.

Ms. Mauch engaged in a discussion with Council Members on the two studies. The majority of the discussion focused on:

- the proposed scope of work to be conducted;
- how to best engage police departments on the 911 Study so as to ensure that there are a sufficient number of departments by size of community and region of the state sharing their 911 call information; and
- limitations on the amount of information captured on 911 calls in many departments, specifically regarding the number of calls that are made to seek help for persons in need of mental health and substance treatment services.

Public comment was encouraged by Chair Taberner. June Binney of Health and Justice Strategies expressed her support for the “cross system review” that will be conducted, and also mentioned that this will be a complex undertaking.

Motion was made and passed to adjourn at 1:30 p.m..