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#### **Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

Date: Friday, January 20th, 2022

Time: 12:00pm – 1:15pm

Location:

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

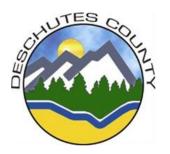
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Present: Holly Harris, Danielle MacBain, Captain Shults, Kristin Mozzochi, Paul Partridge, Christina Lee, Peter Boehm, Cameron Fischer, Lorelei Kryzanek, Jessica Vierra, Jill Adams,

Stephanie Utzman, Shannon Brister-Raugust, Evan Namkung, Amber Clegg.

Support: Aimee Burroughs

Agenda Items				
12:00PM – 12:10PM	<ul> <li>Welcome and introductions</li> <li>Approval of the November 18th, 2022 BHAB Meeting Minutes         <ul> <li>Jessica Vierra motioned to approve minutes.</li> <li>Ethan Namkang 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Roger Olson		
12:10PM- 12:20PM	<ul> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Bend Health Fair in April; Roger asked for volunteers for this. Contact him of Dana for more information</li> <li>Captain Shults shared that the DC Sherriff partnered with Ideal Options and created Guardian Angels program – LPN job search for MAT program at the jail.</li> <li>Shannon will be there to discuss MRS</li> <li>Danny McCalister for PacificSource will present next month</li> </ul>	All		



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12:20PM- 12:25PM	<ul><li>Agenda Building</li><li>No update at this time</li></ul>	Jessica Vierra
12:25PM- 12:30PM	<ul> <li>Bylaw update</li> <li>Hoping to get an updated document to the group next month for review.</li> <li>Document will give an overview of the mission of this group as well as guidelines for members.</li> <li>Add discussion to next month's agenda.</li> <li>Roger mentioned that we need a VA representative on this committee.</li> <li>Within this conversation it was mentioned that there is new legislation that assists Veterans in getting access to more mental health services.</li> <li>Amber to check in with Arielle Samuel and her direct contacts to get more information on this initiative.</li> </ul>	Jessica Vierra
12:30PM – 1:00PM	<ul> <li>Aid and Assist         DCBH Intensive Forensic Services Supervisor, Evan         Namkung, LCSW</li></ul>	Evan Namkung



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- In order for the process to continue; has to be found by a mental health evaluator to be able to assist in their legal process.
- This takes different amounts of time for everyone depending on their mental health.
- o Program has almost doubled since 2020.
- This has led to extreme overcrowding in the State hospitals; which a Federal judge just reduced how long patients can stay in to ease overcrowding
  - There is a lack of resources to serve those that time-out of the State hospital but are not ready to be evaluated for legal process yet.
- DC program success can partially be attributed to the relationships that have been formed with judges, lawyers, district attorney, etc.
- Captain Shults added that some individuals can wait in DC jail for up to 6 months to go through the Aid and Assist program.
- Questions:
  - Q: What can we do?
  - A: Championing funding for community programs; this program has shed light on the gaps where our programs don't work together.
  - Q: Who makes the decision that a person isn't able to aid and assist in their defense? We are talking about the mental health aspect but what about cognitive delays or deficiencies?
  - A: Usually the defense attorney makes the motion; there are groups that should never be in this process; those with dementia or cognitive delays.
  - Q: How is the level of resilience on your team with the massive influx?
  - A: It's been a massive adjustment and try and stay as flexible as possible



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	<ul> <li>Q: Is this a statewide issue or just prevalent in DC?</li> <li>A: Captain Shults shared that there are many discussions at statewide meetings revolving around this issue. Not just in DC.</li> <li>Q: Isn't it about getting funding for services before the crisis happens?</li> <li>A: Yes, ideally. State of OR has narrow ways to get individuals into treatment who need treatment, but the clients who are in Aid and Assist don't want that help.</li> <li>A: Holly has started conversations with the Acute Care Council; the need for a forensic unit</li> </ul>			
1:10PM- 1:15PM	<ul> <li>In Person Meetings         <ul> <li>Stan Owen at Courtney now equipped for hybrid</li> <li>Next month (2/17) will be In Person in Stan Owen; lunch will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jessica		
Parking Lot:  O How	will we bring bylaw document before March?	1		
Adjourn 1:10pm, Roger				