

I. Call to Order

Names of Members Present: Marielle Matthews, Courtney Blasius, Carly Schneider, Dana Howe

Name of City Council Liaison Present: Bryn Oakleaf

Name of Staff Liaison Present: Chief Justin Huizenga, Ray Coffey

Names of Guests Present: Liam and Rob from Howard Center Community Outreach Team

Call to Order by: Marielle Matthews

Meeting Start Time: 5:40 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Marielle Matthews

II. Public Comment

Marielle shared information about the upcoming Friendship Festival

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Marielle Matthews

Second: Carly Schneider

Approved

Unanimous

IV. Presentation from Howard Center Community Outreach Team

-Rob, Howard Center Community Outreach, 5 years

-Liam, Howard Center Community Outreach, 12 years

-Community Outreach serves many towns

-MH first responders, mostly getting calls from Police, EMS, Fire, but also gets calls from the public via a hotline

-Community Outreach works with First Call (another program of Howard Center)

-First Call can initiate involuntary hospitalization - First Call is usually the responder when there is danger

- Community Outreach has access both to Valcour and EHR of Howard Center
- Full staff is 6; current staffing is 4
- Chief H asked about trends at the county level, Liam responded that he sees mostly the same things- co-occurring SUD and MH issues that result in homelessness
- getting more calls about dementia related issues lately- they feel that older folks are being underserved
- they're hoping they can get a van, Bryn expressed interest in trying to fund a capital campaign, Marielle suggested opioid settlement fund
- they are frequently using MHUC on Sout Prospect
- Chief H mentioned that sometimes Dept of Mental Health doesn't permit an admission of a person, even when Police and UVM and Howard clinicians all want admission
- Hoarding is a big issue among clients and is something that could use more resources. CHT used to have a hoarding specialist and we haven't been able
- CSWD has community clean up funds - Bryn mentioned tends to be towns further from the Burlington core
- can take referrals through team email for non-urgent issues, rather than phone calls Communityoutreach@howardcenter.org (not for clients, but for providers, community partners, etc.)

V. Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Public Event Planning

The group discussed potential ideas to draw more participants to the upcoming 8/27 event at the Senior Center.

VI. Inclusion and Belonging Commission Liaison Updates

N/A

VII. City Council and City Staff Liaison Updates

VIII. Other Business

N/A

IX. Adjourn

Motion by: Courtney Blasius

Second: Dana Howe

Meeting End Time: 7:05 PM