



**Health & Human Services Department
HHS Committee Meeting
September 13, 2016**

Committee Attendance: Chair Suslovic, Councilor Ray, Councilor Brenerman and Mayor Strimling.

City Attendance: Dawn Stiles/HHS, Chief Sauschuck/Police, Bridget Rauscher/PPH/HHS, Dave MacLean/SSD/HHS.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Meeting Called to Order and Minutes Reviewed:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM and Chair Suslovic introduced the Committee members. Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Positive Health Care Update:

Dawn gave a brief review of the Positive Health Care Program and indicated all contracts have been forwarded to the Feds for review.

Leslie Clark from Greater Portland Health Care gave an update to the Committee regarding staffing at the facility. They have recently hired Jen Rogers as a Nurse Practitioner who will be starting in November. They are also finalizing a contract with an MD which will be announced shortly.

The Staff is also arranging a meeting at India Street to meet with patients.

Councilor Ray questioned if a lot of patients have transitioned to GRHC. Dawn indicated that approximately 30-35 patients have been unreachable. She also indicated that the clinic has notified all others both in person and paper correspondence. Leslie concurred that 100+ patients have made appointments so far at GPH. Frannie Peabody was also discussed with clarification that they are case management only

Councilor Ray asked who was taking the other Programs. These continue to be ongoing talks within the community. For instance the State is issuing an RFP which is funded by the CDC to fund the STD Clinic. Councilor also addressed a rumor in the community that the number of patients at India Street had fallen to which Caroline Teschke responded that was not true. She further explained that Ryan White and STD / Needle Exchange will be affected. The Immunization Clinic has effectively closed and is not taking any new patients in the travel clinic and TB. There will also not be any flu clinics this year. GPHC will be offering immunizations,

TB and Hep and will be expanding TB services at all 5 locations but need to be a patient of the clinic.

Councilor Brenerman question if there was any mental health treatment available. Leslie indicated that yes the goal is to be fully integrated and have full time staff by January for Mental Health and Substance Use.

Mayor Strimling wanted details of the budget for the next budget cycle and the timeline was discussed. Councilor Ray gave an overview of the Amendment and indicated that everything needs approval each year. The Mayor would like to discuss this in more detail at the November meeting.

School Based Health Care was discussed with Leslie giving an overview and update. Oral Health and SBHC are now under GPHC now. There have been 611 enrollments back from students so far and everything is going smoothly. Some of the changes include new forms and new providers. The electronic health records are also integrated with Martin's Point Health.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Marijuana Enforcement Update:

Chief Sauschuck gave an updated overview of the 2013 Ordinance. This will also be on the Council Agenda for October 3rd. Enforcement has been murky and the Chief explained the complexity of it. Currently the State is trying to pass the Ordinance as well.

The majority of 2016 civil citations were issued in the course of traffic stops – 9 out of 16 cases.

Chair indicated he would like to continue to receive updates in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Substance Use Disorder Update:

Bridget Rauscher gave a presentation on the Substance Use Prevention Project and the Chief introduced Oliver Bradeen who is the Substance Use Disorder Liaison. Oliver discussed the outreach work he is currently doing in the City. The program just received \$125k from the State with Portland being the lead agency. Oliver referenced his handout with statistics of overdoses and types of OD calls since July of this year. Right now his primary focus is on keeping people alive.

Chief Sauschuck stressed that it's the trust in someone that creates the best outcomes but this does not happen overnight. He also stressed the importance and good work the Needle Exchange Program does. So far in the State there have been 189 overdoses this year. It's a public health emergency and we need to be doing a better job at it and currently there are not a lot of resources available.

Chair Suslovic request to staff, at the November meeting he would like to know specific recommendations and what we should be doing differently. What is working and what is not working. Please be as specific as possible. He would like the information before the Committee closes in December.

The Mayors Substance Prevention Committee would like to attend the November meeting as well.

Sober houses were also discussed in the city. There are currently 52 sober houses in Portland however none will accept patients that use Methadone or Saboxone. Milestone is currently turning down 100+ requests a month.

The Police Dept is currently reviewing the practice of having officers carrying Narcan. Currently only EMT's carry and administer. The Chiefs are updating their Civil Services wording which needs Union and Civil Services approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Employment (HIRE) Update:

Dave MacLean and Aaron Geyer presented on the HIRE Program and highlighted the challenges and the successes. They are now seeing far more forms from Drs for clients stating they do not need to work indicating the State GA requirement will be changing.

Dawn followed up on the success of the staff and clients and indicated they are actively trying to secure disabled individuals as well.

The Committee discussed the US vs the Non US citizens not working and also it was questioned why the City of Portland is not on the HIRE list of employers? This was just an oversight as the City does employ individuals.

Chair is also requesting staff make a list of specific policy changes before the end of Committee at the November meeting. Would also like for Jessica and a non US citizen client meet to tell their stories.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Shelter Tour Update:

Dawn gave an update on the tour which will be Wednesday September 21st. First stop will be to visit the MIT Shelter in Cambridge at 11:00 AM and the Fr Hayes Center in Quincy at 2:00 PM returning to Portland by 6 PM.

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**October 11th at 1:00 PM
Barron Center**

AGENDA

1. Tour of Facility:

**November 15^{th*} at 5:00 PM
Room 24/City Hall
(Moved from Election Day)**

AGENDA

Please note; there will be no Public Comment at this meeting

1. HIRE Program Recommendations
2. Substance Use Prevention Recommendations
3. Public Health Transition
4. Shelter Update