



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

#### **Between The Portland Police Department and Milestone Foundation**

In a joint effort of Milestone Foundation and The Portland Police Department (PPD), we have created this Memorandum of Understanding to promote the effective utilization of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison. One of the purposes of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison was developed with the goal of strengthening the partnership between police and behavioral health services in order to better serve our community and people experiencing a behavioral health crisis especially with addiction issues.

The shared goal of Milestone Foundation and PPD in creating this MOU is to produce the following results in support of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison position:

- Effective collaboration between Milestone and the Behavioral Health Unit at PPD
- Coordinated and regular communication across the program and administrative systems of PPD and Milestone Foundation.
- Continuous quality improvement strategies to promote identified service outcomes
- Promotion of the best practice models that support the work of police officers, behavioral health providers and the community.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- The role of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison is to support police in their efforts to stabilize individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis by providing crisis assessment and intervention planning, risk determination for harm to self or other, and general behavioral health consultation.
- The role of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison is to provide staff development, administrative oversight, and clinical supervision of interns. The Substance Use Disorder Liaison is also responsible for collaborating closely with the PPD Behavioral Health Coordinator to effectively manage the service to support the stated goal and results of this MOU.



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- The role of the PPD Substance Use Disorder Liaison is to work collaboratively with Milestone Foundation and coordinate continuation of care and support as necessary for those in crisis.

**Expectations within the Substance Use Disorder Liaison MOU**

In signing this MOU, Milestone Foundation agrees to the aforementioned goal and will work toward achieving results by:

- Milestone Foundation agrees that PPD will be responsible and have final authority over all aspects of Substance Use Disorder Liaison employment requirements and policy around the Substance Use Disorder Liaison.
- Milestone Foundation and PPD will develop and maintain Business Associate Agreements (BAA) that allow for sharing of client information that is necessary to promote the goal and results of this MOU. The BAA will also address the sharing of de-identified data for use in quarterly quality improvement meetings between the PPD and Milestone Foundation.

In signing this MOU, PPD agrees to the aforementioned goal and will work toward achieving results by:

- The Substance Use Disorder Liaison will work closely with the Milestone Foundation on any identified needs to support the collaborative work and support to those in crisis.
- In an effort to enhance communication and collaboration, Substance Use Disorder Liaison and Milestone Foundation will meet monthly or as needed.

This agreement will require an annual review and will remain in effect until either party withdraws from the agreement or finds it necessary to make adjustments to the document.

Either party upon thirty days may terminate this agreement through written notice.

Portland, Maine



Yes. Life's good here.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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