



Portland Police Department

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT**Memorandum of Understanding****Between The Portland Police Department and the****Portland Recovery Community Center**

In a joint effort of the Portland Recovery Community Center (PRCC) 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 the PRCC and PPD in creating this MOU is to produce the following results in support of the Substance Use Disorder Liaison position:

- Effective collaboration between the PRCC and the Behavioral Health Unit at PPD
- Coordinated and regular communication across the program and administrative systems of PPD and the PRCC.
- Continuous quality improvement strategies to promote meeting 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.

- The role of the PPD Substance Use Disorder Liaison is to work collaboratively with the PRCC 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, the Portland Recovery Community Center agrees to the aforementioned goal and will work toward achieving results by:

- The Portland Recovery Community Center 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.
- PRCC 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 the PRCC.

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 PRCC 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 the PRCC 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.

Signature _____ Date _____
Michael Sauschuck, Chief of Police

Signature _____ Date _____
The Portland Recovery Community Center