South Portland Police Services Review Working Group

Agenda for Meeting Seven
Thursday, January 14, 2021, 5:00pm–7:00pm, Online

Participation Link
- This meeting will be on Zoom and is open to the public. Join by clicking the link below:
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84340718042
- Working Group members will receive a special link emailed directly from Zoom.

Objectives
- Share new information and establish what additional information is required.
- Finalize our statement of the problem.
- Clarify options for our recommendation and get a sense of what the group most favors.
- Make plans for the next 1-2 meetings.

Agenda

5:00  
**Opening**
- Facilitator Craig Freshley will welcome everyone and explain the Zoom format and Meeting Agenda.
- Craig will also remind us of some of our guidelines and where we are in the process of fulfilling our charge.

5:10  
**New Information**
- At the last meeting there were ideas and offers to collect some new information right away (see the meeting notes of January 7). Let’s take stock of what’s new.

5:25  
**Information Needs**
- Is there any other information that this Working Group needs (and can reasonably assemble quickly) in order to make our recommendation?

5:30  
**Problem Statement**
- Let’s try to finalize this. Craig might have an idea for a revision.

5:40  
**Options**
- On the back of this Agenda is a list of options that Craig assembled for our consideration. We can add to, change, or delete these options however we like.
- First, Craig will briefly explain each one.
- Then we will discuss and clarify what’s meant by each one.
- We will do straw poll to get a sense of which options are most popular.
- We will review and discuss the poll results.

6:35  
**Next Steps**
- We will discuss the plan for getting our recommendations finalized.
  - Craig will provide some ideas.
- We will decide on whether or not to have a meeting on January 21.

6:55  
**Closing Comments**
- Each member of the Working Group is encouraged to make a brief last comment such as a reflection and/or a hope for the future.

7:00  
**Adjourn**
Potential Options for Our Recommendation

1. **Continuously improve the police department**
   - Training, policies, and procedures to minimize escalation
   - Probably engage Matt Page-Sheldon
   - Cost estimate?

2. **Continue the community paramedic program**
   - Like was being done recently
     - Fire Department visits to homeless people in hotels
   - Needs funding
   - Cost estimate?

3. **Contract with The HOME Team and/or Amistad**
   - Very similar to how Portland contracts with The HOME Team
   - Would require establishing protocols and training for dispatchers
   - Cost estimate?

4. **Establish a peer-to-peer support coordinator position**
   - A position to:
     - Train and support peer-to-peer support workers, mostly volunteers
     - Outreach and fundraising
       - Connections with contributing institutions like hospitals
     - Procure resources to be deployed through peer-to-peer workers
     - Gather input from people in the target population
       - Their needs and ideas to improve services
   - Perhaps in Kathleen’s Department
   - Cost estimate?

5. **More Behavioral Health Liaison Positions**
   - Add a second or third part time or full time Behavioral Health Liaison
   - In the Police Department like Dana’s position
   - Cost estimate?

6. **Plan for a 24/7 Triage and Care Center**
   - Ideal way to meet the present need
   - Is this feasible to even start planning for?
   - Cost of a feasibility study?

7. **Institutionalize community conversations about race**
   - Somehow establish and maintain a regular dialogue
   - Would require promotion and stewardship
   - Convened by a nonprofit?
   - Any costs to the City?

8. **Gather more information**
   - Ideas
     - Community needs assessment
     - CAHOOTS Workshop
     - HOME Team Ride-Along
     - South Portland Residents Survey Results
   - Make “gathering information” part of the recommendation?
   - Cost estimate?