

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-Alongs
 - South Portland Residents Survey Results
 - Make "gathering information" part of the recommendation?
 - Cost estimate?