

## 10/13 Work Session Notes for the October 25, 2016 Status Conference

COAB members in attendance: Catherine Maile Gardner, Philip Wolfe, Tom Steenson, Myrlaviani Rivier, Rochelle Silver

### Opening Discussion

- Both Philip and Tom interested in presenting; members present all agreed that Tom would present. Philip hoped JS will give him a chance to speak.
- Tom: would like an official COAB meeting two weeks from tonight. The recess expires by then.
- The group does not want any more COCL/COAB letterhead — separate them.

### Report:

- Philip: Roger Hardesty's 10/13 email. Use for this report?
  - Rochelle: this is important but not directly a part of our report
  - Tom: I don't see what he's saying easily fitting in this report. I think if we took action we need to do it officially and we can't because we're in recess.
- Dan Handleman fact-checked and corrected things in the draft
- Tom said Mireaya and Catherine want to sign off on the report; hasn't heard from Laquida
- Overview of the current draft:
  - First section: description of the efforts COAB has made, tried to accomplish, and what's pending
  - Second section addresses obstacles and actions the COAB has taken to address them.
- Nancy: how much of what happened at the protests over the Council vote this week on the PPA contract can be incorporated into this report?
- Comments/concerns about the PPA contract. Philip thinks it should be in the report
- Dan p. 8 if the current draft, top paragraph: You could change to say that they promised to change the 48-hour rule. "Although in doing so...." Add, We're dismayed that the police behavior displayed during the City Hall and the way they chose to handle the concurrent protest, as well the way they handled discussion of the contract.
- Rochelle and Tom: There needs to be an end-date for what gets including in this report
- Mike: The status conference is probably the last time the COAB will speak; so say the COCL/City is in contempt
- Dan p. 5: letter that DOJ wrote, re: MHCRS recommendations... the paragraph says letter is attached but it's not in report (July 1, 2016 memo). Throw in a little detail on what some of the recommendations were. Maybe just a few examples. (Tom discussed time limitations of the presentation.)
- P. 8: lists that there were 46 AS recs --- there were 48
- AMA is waiting to hear how a court monitor would work with a community board – they'd like to see a plan first before they sign off on it

- V wanted to talk about Jason Renault's letter

Public Comment:

- Philip Cachka: could we list the names of the Commissioners who haven't filled COAB vacancies?
- Reverend Luke Walters PAMI: at the last work session the term repurposing was brought up. Perhaps in the repurposing of COAB, focus on what's working rather than what's not... but how much of this repurposing would take this out of the scope of what COAB exists for. Ideas: would be refreshing right now for community to lead the way. The Community Engagement workshop worked well... it would also be good to connect with neighborhood associations.
- Philip: maybe getting away from the COCL/City, we can get things done, but we can't measure results until we make the changes
- Myrlaviani: Despite great ideas and incredible talents... the letter from Jason Renaud points out a lot of problems with the COAB-COCL structure. Conflict as property – the state saying they know how to take care of problems via law. But the Settlement Agreement has potential because this way the victims are at the table.
- Ann K.: important for COAB and City to now to work with trauma. Process would be easier.
- Myrlaviani: Community Trauma Response Team. Possible through restorative practices. I've spoken with some COAB members and we'd like to do something with this.
- Philip: once we're independent we could make that happen.
- Ann K.: who in the City could we contact about this? Myrlaviani thought perhaps Commissioner Amanda Fritz
- Dan: It's important to reemphasize that until the Settlement Agreement is modified, the COCL and COAB are still bound to each other. In paragraph 163 about Semi-Annual reports, it says the COCL has to present to COAB; they shouldn't tell you don't have to be there. City has met with stakeholders individually but we need to talk about this together.
- Jason Renaud's letter: Myrlaviani pointed out highlights: 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on the first page about data and how it hasn't changed since Settlement Agreement. There are larger forces that aren't accounted for. Page 2, paragraph 3: here's what we know... (bullet points). Also 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph – City doesn't have relationships with the Recovery community. Page. 3, City paragraph: systemically excluded people with mental illness..., 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph... expect the City to blame people with mental illness. The City should have known shouting would happen when they excluded some people from the process.
- Ann Brayfield: Suggestion: please consider beginning a short synopsis of what you write in your report (see email)
- Ann K.: how we got shoved out of the Settlement Agreement process: as mental health people, we didn't have a legal person with us, so we didn't become one of the parties. AMA got free legal assistance, the City, I'm not sure AMA represents the mental health community
- Katie: there could be ways, through Disability Rights Oregon... it may be better than going through the City
- Philip: people in the mental health community are targeted by officers and that intersects with race, culture, class, etc.

- Linda: also the houseless community and how they're marginalized: vicious cycle of arrests, courts, being put back out on the streets.... The lack of sleep, etc... why function.
- Tom: Renegotiating the Settlement Agreement might be a time where the mental health community/advocacy groups might apply to get *amicus curiae* status. Maybe AMAC could help.
- Kalei: Built into our Settlement Agreement, the COAB was supposed to help facilitate the building of trust. If we want to have a trust building operation... where and when will this begin, who will lead it, and who has the authority to make it happen?
- Philip: we should focus on, what does police accountability mean? If we can do that, maybe the community would have more trust.
- Luke: I'm in a good position to help. There are a number of coalitions forming in the peer community, but I want to be clear on what the message is/what to convey to them.
- Myrlaviani: I think it's time to have community discussions in a circle process facilitated by people who are in recovery, build relationships, and go from there.
- Philip: I want to keep lines of communication open; thanks to Tom for his major role in this report. I want to mention Ted Wheeler: I want to sit down for a coffee date, if you're available.