

Connecticut General Assembly

Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Daryl McGraw, Co-Chairperson



c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Ct 06106

Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Chair Daryl McGraw, Jon Slifka, Chief Keith Mello, Chief William Wright, Chief Jack Drumm, Renee LaMark Muir, Marc Pelka, John Szewczyk, Brian Foley, Andrew Clark, Ken Barone, Makenzie Ozycz, Henri Mendoza, Deputy Chief Maggie Silver

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 1:06 pm.
- II.** Review and acceptance of minutes from the 3/02/21 meeting
 - a. Minutes from 3/02/21 were approved via voice vote.
- III.** Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Improving Police Interactions with Disability Community
Chair Jon Slifka updated on Sequential Intercept Model, and 4/6/21 meeting, and upcoming meetings for April and May.
 - b. Public Awareness
Next meeting on April 13th to focus on the issue of hiring practices.
 - c. Logistics
Four recommendations endorsed by the subcommittee, to be voted on at May 4th meeting.
 - i. Citizen Complaint Database and Form Recommendation
Recommending complaint form is anonymous, no notary, information about officer, easy to find, electronic/hard copies. POST council coordinate with CHRO. Maintain database on complaints by POSTC. Chief Mello recommended reviewing public act 14-166, a general notice, which POST did establish a complaint form, but it does not include coordination with CHRO.

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- ii. **Civilian Review Board Recommendation/ Civilian Review Board Requirement Subcommittee asks that we include these in the final report. Recommendation includes different guidelines for each municipality to consider. Subcommittee recommends that all communities with police department should have a CRB.**
- iii. **Internal Affairs Pre-Service and In-Service Training Recommendation**
This recommendation is regardless of rank assigned, a uniform training must exist to ensure internal affairs officers throughout the state have similar training. POST Council to determine content, curriculum, hours. Chief Mello questioned why pre-service is included. Chief Mello commented that private vendors do a great job of providing in-service trainings. Renee LaMark Muir responded that pre-service indicates a new assignment within the department to conduct internal affairs investigations, not academy recruits. Renee also noted that POST approves private vendors, and should have approval. Brian Foley questioned if pre-service includes various experts/leads, or anyone that will assist. Renee responded no, because they wouldn't be the lead investigator.

IV. Other Business

- a. No other business to discuss.

V. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

- a. Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- b. Come prepared with an overview of the charges/update on where subcommittees are in the process.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Chair McGraw adjourned the meeting at 1:51 pm.