

Connecticut General Assembly

Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Jonathan Slifka, Chairperson



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Improving Police Interactions with The Disability Community Subcommittee

Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Jonathan Slifka (Chair), Chief Jack Drumm, Andrew Clark, Dr. Meghan Peterson, Edmond Brunt, Katrina (Interpreter), Walter Glomb, Henri Alphonse Mendoza, Maureen Lopes, Jorge Camacho, Makenzie Ozycz, Doris Maldonado, Gretchen Knauff, Brian Foley, Ken Barone

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. Chair Slifka convened the meeting at 11:12 am.*
- II.** Introduction of Members
 - a. Chair Slifka introduced the members.*
- III.** Review and approve Minutes from 5/4/21 Meeting
 - a. The minutes from 5/4/21 were approved via voice note.*
- IV.** Presentation: 911 Dispatch – Madison PD
 - a. Chief Jack Drumm introduced Edmond Brunt of the Madison, CT Dispatch Center. Edmond Brunt toured the dispatch facility and gave a history of dispatch. He then gave a simulation on how calls are received and organized within the dispatch center. Jon Slifka asked about identifying questions on the script that is used during a 911 call in terms of dealing with disabled persons that do not violate HIPPA. Gretchen Knauff asked about sending in demographic information in the moment. Edmond Brunt responded that it is only through iPhone that this is possible. Andrew Clark questioned about the connection between 911 and 211. Edmond Brunt replied that a 911 call cannot be referred to 211 and an EMS must be sent. Doris Maldonado questioned about the use of social workers. Chief Drumm replied that they are currently working to get social workers included, more updates to come on that in January of 2022. Walter Glomb commented that there is nothing in the protocols that identifies developmentally disabled persons, he asked how dispatch would know if someone needed special services like interpreters, etc. Edmond Brunt*

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replied that they use priority dispatch to determine updates, but there is currently no pathway for those issues.

V. Update:

a. Social Worker Recommendation reports

Dr. Peterson updated the 94 reports, including the Connecticut State Police Report. Analysis of the trends will be finalized for the next meeting. Current broad consistent themes are emerging, including that social workers are feasible, they are not currently feasible at this time due to budget restraints and safety concerns, and the third being that police departments are open to the idea with further study. Walter Glomb asked for clarification on social workers being the responders, or assisting responders. Ken Barone responded that it currently varies across the state.

b. Sequential Intercept Model Recommendations

Andrew Clark updated about the possibility of upcoming forums in the fall. He updated that Dr. Peterson updated the document for this recommendation, focusing on intercept 0 and 1. Draft recommendations have been updated to send to the members to look over and comment on.

VI. Discussion:

a. Voluntary Registry – potential recommendation. Andrew Clark walked through this potential recommendation. Chair Slifka marked this topic for further discussion in upcoming meetings.

VII. Other business

a. There was no other business to discuss.

VIII. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

- a. July 20, 2021 11am*
- b. August 17, 2021 11am*

IX. Adjournment

a. Chair Slifka adjourned the meeting at 12:39 pm.

[Zoom meeting link](#)