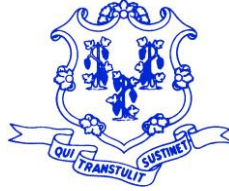


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Improving Police Interactions with The Disability Community Subcommittee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Jonathan Slifka (Chair), Meghan Peterson, Anita Benjamin (interpreter), Andrew Clark, Alvin Chege, Annie Scully, Chief Jack Drumm, Rayla Mattson, Gretchen Knauff, Sarah D'Agustino (interpreter), Keith King, Skip Massback, Doris Maldonado, Walter Glomb, Jorge Camacho, Sherry Romblat, Tanya Barrett

I. Convene meeting and welcome

a. Chair Slifka convened the meeting at 11:03am

II. Introduction of Members

a. Chair Slifka introduced the members via roll call.

III. Review and approve Minutes from 7/27/21 Meeting

a. The approval of minutes from the 7-27-21 meeting were approved via voice note.

IV. Update:

a. Social Worker Recommendation reports

Meghan Peterson updated that 79 feasibility reports have been reviewed so far.

V. Items for consideration (2nd viewing, vote):

a. Sequential Intercept Model Recommendations

Meghan Peterson shared a presentation on recommendations for consideration. Ms. Romblatt asked about already instated VRS. Jack Drumm responded the issue is the confidentiality, and confidence is needed within individuals in the disability community, parallel to HIPAA. Doris Maldonado commented that there was nothing regarding the update on the course manual along with cultural responsiveness. Doris Maldonado also commented on the idea of using community health workers for these purposes. Walt Glomb commented that in most towns this software for a

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directory does not exist, as well as the voluntary nature being problematic due to relying on its accuracy and maintaining it in the following years. Ms. Romblatt asked what the current de-escalation for a police officer would be, and how these recommendations would change that. Also, what are the safety protocols for social workers in the field. Also how do you make sure the deaf community is protected without on-sight interpreters. Chief Drumm responded there is no guarantee for the deaf community as of right now, they are working towards one, he also responded that crisis training is mandatory, changing de-escalation practices, he also responded that for social worker safety this is a new issue and it is currently being approached now.

Chair Slifka asked for a motion to move this document out of the subcommittee to the full Task Force for voting. Chief Drumm moved the motion, Rayla Mattson seconded the motion. Chair Slifka opened the floor for discussion. Gretchen Knauff commented that adding in more information raised today could make this a better document. Chair Slifka responded that there could be a supplemental document with that information provided at the next meeting. Chair Slifka called for a voice vote on the recommendations. The voice vote passed to send this document to the full Task Force.

b. CBA Policing Task Force Recommendations

Andrew Clark updated on Keith King's presentation from the last meeting. Skip Masback summarized the goals of the CBA Task Force, and the last presentation. Chair Slifka opened for questions. Andrew Clark asked about the funding mechanism absent of 988. Skip Masback responded in the written report there is funding information, it demands that states adopt 988 as long as the money improves the response of those who are suffering. Doris Maldonado commented that disabilities cannot be assumed as behavioral. Walt Glomb commented on the need for clear and strong regulations on oversight and accountability of these systems, different from 211, considering the life and death nature of these calls. Chair Slifka recommended holding off a vote on this recommendation pending changes heard from today's meeting. Next steps would be to produce a document detailing those changes. Skip Masback commented the recommendation does not provide information on who is assigned to implement the 988 system.

VI. Other business

a. There was no other business to discuss.

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- VII.** Announcement of time and date of next meeting
a. September 28, 2021 11am
- VIII.** Adjournment
a. Chair Slifka adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm.

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