

# Connecticut General Assembly

## Improving Police Interactions With The Disability Community Subcommittee Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Jon Slifka, Chairperson



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

### Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

*Attendees: Jon Slifka (Chair), Alvin Chege, Undersecretary Marc Pelka, Chief Tom Kulhawik, Doris Maldonado, Rayla Mattson, Daryl McGraw*

*Others: Maria (ASL interpreter), Ken Barone, Deb Blanchard, Andrew Clark, Rod O'Connor, Makenzie Ozycz, Henri Alphonse, Jeff Spahr, Mary Kate Mason (DHMAS)*

*Presenter: Walter Glomb*

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
  - a. Chair Slifka convened the meeting at 11:06am*
- II.** Introduction of Members
  - a. At the request of the Chair, members and guests introduced themselves.*
- III.** Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting
  - a. Minutes from 9.8.20 and 9.22.20 meetings were approved via voice vote.*
- IV.** Presentation from Walter Glomb on perspective from Autism and I/DD Community
  - a. At the request of the chair, Mr. Glomb presented on the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities. Handouts were provided to members prior to the meeting. The presentation focused on nine activities the subcommittee can focus on: 1) A comprehensive approach that focuses on the functional needs of the individual. 2) Community engagement; 3) Standardize information collection process for local dispatch centers; 4) Review and revise training; 5) School resource officers – are they properly prepared w/requisite student forms and other pertinent information. 6) Procedural safeguards – what regulations are necessary. 7) Training for families – how to better understand law enforcement 8) Better reporting for transparency and accountability ; 9) Protocols for engaging crime victims from the disability community.*

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### V. Questions and Discussion on Presentation

*a. Members asked questions and addressed issues raised by Mr. Glomb. Marc Pelka – 1) Update on Implementation of Use of Force reporting. Not currently info collected on disabilities but are receptive to that. 2) Community/Police engagement grant program in process based on recent release of State of CT bond funds. Doris Maldonado – Department of Correction assessment and cultural component w/in the disability community are important facets to focus on as well. Mr. Glomb – CT DOC has a pretty good assessment tool for incoming individuals to confinement. This is a possible template for crossover w/police. As for cultural competency, it is important that this garners more action from all involved. Mr. Slifka has contacted the new DOC Commissioner. He is willing to come and present as requested. ALEC (Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition) – has done training on disabilities for some CT police agencies. An individual from the organization will be presenting at the next meeting. Mr. Chege – are there DMV indications on licenses or otherwise that highlight disabilities? To members' knowledge, there is no indication other than certain physical disabilities than impact driving. Ms. Mattson – asked about trainings and standards for school resource officers. Mr. Barone updated members on ongoing revisions to the Use of Force form and invited members to offer suggestions. Mr. Clark informed members about the Public Awareness Subcommittee and intentions for youth listening sessions.*

### VI. Discussion on Next Steps

*a. The next meeting will feature a presentation from ALEC on their training.*

### VII. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

*a. October 20, 2020, 11am on Zoom.*

### VIII. Adjournment

*a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.*