

Connecticut General Assembly

Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

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Legislative Office Building
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Improving Police Interactions with The Disability Community Subcommittee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Jon Slifka (Chair), Andrew Clark, Chief Jack Drumm, Skip Masback, Annie Scully, Meghan Peterson, Lisa Tepper Bates, Gretchen Knauff, Maggie Castinado, Jorge Camacho, Henri Alphonse Mendoza, Makenzie Ozycz, Alvin Chege, Keith King, Ken Barone

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair Slifka convened the meeting at 11:08 am*
- II.** Introduction of Members
 - a. *Chair Slifka introduced the members via roll call.*
- III.** Review and approve Minutes from 6/15/21 Meeting
 - a. *The minutes from 6/15/21 were approved via voice note.*
- IV.** Update:
 - a. Social Worker Recommendation reports
Meghan Peterson updated on the Social Worker recommendation. Three categories among departments: 1) Yes social workers are feasible; 2) No social workers are not feasible, 3) Yes to feasibility, no to implementation at this time.
- V.** Items for consideration:
 - a. CBA Policing Task Force Recommendations
Skip Masback began the presentation on the Reimagining Police Subcommittee. This presentation outlined a recommendation to implement the federally mandated 988 crisis hotline system, expand behavioral health crisis response, fund SAMSHA and DMHAS grants. The subcommittee proposes a recommendation that the General Assembly enact legislation to align with SAMHAS guidelines. Chair Slifka opened the floor for questions. Lisa Tepper Bates clarified the national picture versus the picture in Connecticut, 988 in CT is an additional channel which people would be

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able to use for services. Chair Slifka asked if there are other federal funded programs that already exist that could be bolstered as opposed to implementing a new tax. Lisa Tepper Bates replied that 211 took 120,000 calls last year, they don't know how many calls were going to 911 that could have been better handled by a 988 hotline. Alvin Chege shared concern on the broadcasting of 988. Lisa Tepper Bates shared a slide on 988 and 211 CT crisis services information page, including which/when to reach out. Gretchen Knauff commented concern for the 211/988 color scheme for colorblind individuals. Keith King asked how long Connecticut has had 211. Lisa Tepper Bates replied that 211 has been a service in Connecticut for over 30 years.

b. Sequential Intercept Model Recommendations

Meghan Peterson updated on the recommendation document, including the four elements of feasibility of social workers, the voluntary register system, police education and training, and school resource officers. She added what is missing from the recommendation is funding, and the need to look at funding opportunities in the Department of Justice.

VI. Other business

a. No other business to discuss.

VII. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

a. August 31, 2021 11am

VIII. Adjournment

a. Chair Slifka adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

[Zoom meeting link](#)