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Police Conduct Oversight Commission Policy and Procedure Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting July 26, 2016

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Committee Members Present: Amran Farah, Afsheen Foroozan, and Jennifer Singleton (Chair).

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Patrick - Police Conduct Operations Supervisor

Chair Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Moved to adopt the meeting agenda.

Seconded.

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 4, 2016.

Foroozan seconded.

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Ongoing Business

Mental Health Workgroup

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The following were the main points from her update:

- Kathy Czech, Bill Czech, Commissioner Westphal and Mr. Patrick met to discuss various items including training for dispatchers, the creation of a specialized CIT training and policy to be implemented in six months, the pilot co-responder model with implementation in one year, and discussions regarding the inclusion of county, city, and various service providers.
- Brainstormed on list of which individuals and organizations should be included in workgroup.
- Met with Chief Harteau and Assistant Chief Arneson, who greenlighted the project.
- Will be meeting with Commander Schoenberger and an inspector who is interested in working with the workgroup.

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- Had a conference call with Dr. Abbott and Mr. Patrick which involved financial information and potential cost benefits of the co-responder program.
- There was discussion about funding streams and which groups may be willing to commit to the program.
- Will be setting up a meeting with the Commission on Civil Rights Commissioner Marla Kahn-Schwartz, who also works for the county, to strategize.

With the conclusion of the update, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Foroozan - asked if the co-responder is only a pilot program or permanent.

Singleton - stated that Dr. Abbott thought that since the size of Minneapolis is larger than the region she implemented a co-responder model, funding may be easier to obtain. Also, Governor Dayton recently launched a new task force on mental health and Commissioner Piper-Johnson is aware of the PCOC's project and may be able to assist with funding.

Foroozan - asked if there would be a need for two people for coverage or determine peak times and go from that point.

Singleton -indicted that ideally there would be 24 hour coverage.

Czech - stated that there is a mental health crisis services work group that is meeting on July 27, 2016 and are working on legislation and what is needed in the community; asked if someone is interested in attending. Suggested that there are other places to look for funding; sent a letter to North Point and they want more information regarding the co-responder program.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Review of MPD Policy and Procedure Manual

Ryan Patrick, Police Conduct Operations Supervisor, addressed the Committee. He indicated that the MPD has been changing policies but Commander Case will be coming to a future Commission meeting to get everything back on track and perhaps he can become a resource for the project.

With the conclusion of the update, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Farah - asked if there is a group within the MPD that handles policy changes.

Singleton - indicated that there was a recent meeting with the Chief where she asked for input on de-escalation policy but the timeline doesn't allow for time to present to the Commission.

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Foroozan - asked if there is a way to have some form of report or memo issued to the other Commissioners when those meetings take place to keep them fully informed of recent activities.

Singleton - indicates that she will discuss the issue with the Commission Chair, Andrea Brown, and try to find an appropriate solution.

Farah - suggested that a formal request be made to have the MPD Policy and Procedure workgroup attend a Policy and Procedure Committee meeting.

Patrick - indicated that he thought Commander Granger is now working on the new quality assurance group and will talk with him in regard to this matter.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Framework for the Chief's Performance Review

Commissioner Foroozan addressed the Committee. The following were the main points from his update:

- The idea involved an annual review and snapshots of the projects the Commission has worked on incorporating some statistics and generally how the MPD is performing.
- Spoke with Mr. Patrick with regard to statistics; will be looking at arrests versus prosecutions and how the MPD is doing with cleaning up crime.
- Will compare number of police contacts with the number of complaints and distribution of officers to hopefully identify trends and repeat offenders.
- Proposed review process of every six months lasting for a year and a half to review the issues the Commission has reviewed and worked on versus the issues that still remain and generate forecasts for moving forward.

With the conclusion of the update, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Singleton - liked the idea of the review and suggest moving forward with the process. Also suggested that the report include the Chief, or MPD representatives attendance at the Commission and Committee meetings.

Foroozan - stated that it is important for the Chief or her representatives to attend meetings because they should hear and interact with the community.

Singleton - asked if the framework would include comment sessions also mentioning the MPD's lack of response on the Commission's Investigatory Stop Study.

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Foroozan - stated that he didn't feel that listening sessions were necessary but perhaps include time during Commission meetings.

Patrick - suggested off-site commission meetings.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Issue Tracking Queue - Cases Referred to the Committee by the Commission

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and a brief abstract of their individual comments:

Singleton - indicated that there were two cases added for tracking, case seven, which involved a woman discarding a beer can, and a case involving a body camera issue. Suggested categorizing as de-escalation and MVR.

Foroozan - asked if it would be best if the issue involving the body camera be categorized as a technology malfunction.

Farah - suggested looking into seizure and forfeiture issues, including holding automobiles for evidence, fees associated with such an issue, and towing due to arrest. Asked if there was a way to figure out how long it takes for the MPD to release cars being held under such circumstances.

Foroozan - suggested exploring issues associated with off-duty officers and their hours indicating that long hours in stressful situations can affect how an officer performs in some situations asking if there are any internal processes in place to regulate such an issue.

Patrick - stated that it is possible to look into issues associated with seizure and forfeiture by generating a CAPRS report and indicted that with regard to off-duty there is some internal processes in place.

With no further discussion on the matter the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Public Comment

With no members of the public addressing the Committee, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Adjournment

With all of the Committee's business concluded, the Chair entertained a motion:

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Foroozan moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.