



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Civil Rights

Date June 18, 2003
To Health & Human Services Committee
Referral to: NONE

Subject: A report on the activity of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority from January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003

Recommendation

Receive and File.

Previous Directives

None

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Approved by _____
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Presenters in Committee: Barbara Damchik-Dykes, CRA Manager

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Our presentation this afternoon will consist of: Presentation of the attached report. The first quarter of 2003 has been an extremely busy one for the Civilian Review Authority. The office had 47 signed complaints for that time period. In comparison, for the years 2000 and 2001, there were 38 and 25 signed complaints, respectively. Currently, the office has 2 FTE case investigators and a program assistant. In contrast, CRA had a staff of 7 FTE, including 3 FTE case investigators for the year 2000. So, while our workload has greatly increased, staffing has decreased. In addition to investigating signed complaints, investigators respond to inquiries regarding police procedure, make referrals as appropriate, and provide general information. Thus, many cases are resolved informally without ever getting to the stage of a formal complaint.

